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CROWN COURT VERDICT

Three years' jail for Barry burglar

A BARRY burglar who raided the home of a neighbour, and tried to enter another property, has been jailed for three years at Cardiff Crown Court.

The court heard that one of the victims, a mother of two, felt "very shaken up" and now locks all her doors all the time.

Glyn Haysham, 38, of Buttrills Walk, Barry, admitted charges of burglary and attempted burglary.

Said Judge David Wynn Morgan: "This was a mean burglary, committed against a neighbour. You have a history of offences of this nature, so the minimum sentence you face is one of three years."

"Taking into account mitigation, and credit for

by AJ SICLUNA

your guilty pleas, it is still so serious that I have to pass minimum sentence, as the appropriate sentence."

Gareth James, prosecuting, said Haysham had been living with a girlfriend in a flat at Buttrills Walk. He burgled one of them when the occupier left and upon her return, she discovered that Haysham had taken from her bedroom property including a mobile phone, computer games and jewellery.

Outside, said Mr James, one of Haysham's footprints was discovered.

On the same day, he also tried to jemmy open another flat.

When arrested, he denied the involvement and claimed his partner had made it up.

Mr James said he was arrested "swiftly" after the offences.

He was said to have convictions for 64 offences, including burglary, theft and possessing drugs.

Unfortunately, said his counsel Jeremy Jenkins, he had been before the court on a regular basis.

He had been addicted, he said, to heroin and Tamazepam, and was under their influence at the time of the attacks.

The following day, said Mr Jenkins, Haysham returned the stolen property.

PENARTH FESTIVAL LADIES ON THE RUN!



Photograph by ANDY WICKS

PHILIP LAWRENCE AWARD



BARRY HUB GROUP'S NATIONAL ACCOLADE

by TIM CHAPMAN

A local community group based at The Hub in Barry has won a prestigious 'Philip Lawrence Award'.

The Philip Lawrence Awards are named after the London headmaster who was stabbed to death outside his school in 1995 when he tried to protect one of his pupils from a violent gang.

Vale People First coordinator Liz Davidson told The GEM that she was "thrilled" the group had been recognised:

"We are one of six national winners of the awards and were nominated by the Vale Youth Service."

"Members will be going up to London to receive the award from Sir Trevor McDonald in September."

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As can be seen from the banner, above, 'Women Running Penarth' were keen to publicise their club at the Penarth festival on July 14. The all-women club encourages running in a safe and nurturing environment.
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STOPPING THE TRAFFIC FLOW

Is the Vale Council really trying to slow down/stop the flow of traffic into Barry and to the airport, along Port Road?

Firstly, we have the new traffic island and right turn lane into the new Barry crematorium. This slows everyone down; now we have a new traffic island being built near the new development of houses, causing traffic to slow and swerve around it.

Not content with this, bus stops are placed just in front of this.

As we all know, buses very rarely pull all the way over at the stop; this

will again slow traffic down.

Finally, as you think you are clear of all these obstructions, you come to the traffic lights, which seem to have a mind of their own, stopping traffic as they want to, not allowing the flow along Port Road.

Surely a roundabout would be more beneficial, allowing the traffic to flow?

There needs to be a study to see what is holding up the flow of traffic – as it is the main way to Cardiff Airport.

No wonder people are using other airports to travel.

(Name and address supplied).

Sorting David from Goliath

IN The GEM of July 12, Keith Stockdale commented on our local council losing appeals at public inquiries and, as examples, he quotes the White Farm project and fracking at Llandow.

In relation to the latter, fracking is not taking place and no application has been made to do so.

Despite this fact, FoE continue to peddle this line. Yes, a public inquiry was held, but it related solely to an application to drill an exploratory well at Llandow.

It was limited to one bore hole, specifically to investigate underlying strata only.

There was no other application, certainly not to carry out fracking.

Because FoE failed

Where are the park benches?

AFTER they sorted out the Buttrills fiasco cycle way, would it not be a good idea to install park benches, so people could sit and watch the football, etc?

There used to be many of them when I was a lad, but sadly there is only one, and that was donated by a family in memory of their son.

I wonder what other readers think?

W James,
Barry.

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'No dictators in a democracy!'

WITH reference to recent correspondence on the subject of republic versus monarchy, forgive me for writing again, but Mrs Coombe-Herridge's letter (The GEM, July 12, headed 'Cost of a president') really does need a response.

Mrs Coombe-Herridge attempts to scare us with the assertion that a president could turn dictator. Any person, quite literally, could turn dictator if they manage to get military might behind them.

The Queen could turn dictator if she had our military behind her, were she so minded!

Mrs Coombe-Herridge's contention is a pure red herring, because dictatorships do not happen in mature democracies.

How many dictators have sprouted in Ireland, Switzerland, India, Iceland, modern post-World War Two Germany, Israel, France, USA?

They all have elected presidents, not hereditary monarchs – even if the last two have a different role for their president from the parliamentary democracies.

And all their presidents can be replaced at polling booths, if the electorate so wishes.

It's interesting, however, that Germany turned to dictatorship in the 1930s after Hitler became its Chancellor and managed to muster military might to his cause, an office identical to our Prime-Minister, in all but name. He was not a president!

Interesting also that in many Arab states it is the monarchs who are the absolute, unelected, hereditary dictators.

Their subjects cannot rid themselves of their masters, except by

revolution, often bloody!

There are, of course, countries where dictators are also the presidents, but that is because unelected persons have managed to usurp power, due to lack of democratic tradition and then declared themselves the president – a far cry from the presidents of mature democracies.

Pro-monarchists should stop equating mature democracies with feudal states and banana republics.

The mind boggles at the fantasies that pro-monarchists conjure up in order to hide the poverty of their arguments.

As to costs, the monarchy does not bring in millions of pounds – it drains millions of pounds off the hardworking taxpayers instead – as well argued by other correspondents in this discussion thread.

Marc Delaney,
Barry.

What kind of republic would it be?

OH DEAR! My recent letter seems to have ruffled some feathers in the republican camp; it's become even more strident over there...

I said that I hold no candle for the monarchy and I don't, but that point was conveniently ignored.

It seems there are two schools of thought in last week's GEM letters: one says that a president could be like Mandela or Roosevelt, to raise the people out of the mire; and the other assumes that he (or she) would be just a figurehead.

I hope we can agree on his (or her) role before we take the plunge. Just as importantly, I hope republicans will reach a consensus before they climb on their soap box. Doesn't it show that it

boils down to nothing more than an obstinate desire to rid the UK of the monarchy at all costs?

That is not enough of an argument I'm afraid; you have to sell it better.

So the Queen has money; the family has always had money, so what? Can we rid ourselves of the avarice of stereotypical bankers, arrogant entrepreneurs, swaggering Premier League 'stars' or billionaire tax dodgers?

Of course not, so why should the mere possession of money prompt a royal call?

Before I agree to dispense with the royal family, I would ask for far more concrete assurances than a suggested nirvana of 'could be like Mandela' or 'might be like Mary Robinson', and I'm not making light of that point, but we need to know, not only what we might get, but what could follow.

Gerwyn Thomas,
Llantwit Major.

ALTERNATIVES TO EUROPE?

IWOULD like to respond to yet another anti-EU rant from DJ Radford (The GEM, July 5).

Mr Radford clearly has a problem with the EU, but like most Europhobes, his solution is to get out of Europe and save the money that they waste.

At whatever level this debate is conducted, I've never yet seen anything in writing from anti-Europeans which describes exactly what we would do after we left.

We get nonsense such as we could be like Norway or Switzerland, with no details of how this would work (because both of those countries have to dance

to the EU's tune). Or we could trade with our friends in the Commonwealth like we used to, again without stating how this would be achieved.

Or that we could develop independent trade relationships with third world countries to replace what we would lose by leaving Europe. If anyone believes that leaving the largest trading structure in the world would be penalty-free, they are living in cloud cuckoo land.

Please, all you anti-Europeans, let us have your detailed suggestions to replace the present arrangements before you campaign to get us out.

David Kennett,
Barry.

Lone Czech war hero is buried in Barry cemetery

A GREAT deal has appeared in The GEM recently about the friendly US 'invasion' of Barry, and the Vale, by US troops in World War Two (or as Dr Jonathan Hicks renames it, 'the second half of the First World War, otherwise the 'Great War' or the 'War to end all wars').

It should be remembered that at RAF St Athan, up to 5,000 airmen (and women) were trained at any one time, including Free French airmen, and ground crews from Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Norway and Poland.

Later, the Americans were stationed nearby and Italian prisoners of war were attached to the base.

Between 1941 and 1951, 22,599 flight engineers were trained at RAF St Athan, most of them during the war years.

One former trainee was awarded the Victoria Cross (VC) for his bravery – Sergeant Norman Jackson of 106 Squadron).

On April 26, 1944, after bombing the important Schweinfurt complex in Germany, his Lancaster (he was a flight engineer) was hit by an enemy fighter, causing a severe fire.

'Thank you for your assistance'

IWOULD like to say thank you to all the people and the nurse from Ravenscourt Surgery, who stopped to help me when I had a nasty fall while walking my dog on Margaret Avenue.

I do not know how I would have managed without you all.

Also, thank you to the two ladies who took my dog home, and to Donna for wheeling me home in the borrowed wheelchair to wait for the ambulance.

Thanks, once again, to you all.
Mrs Maureen Leyshon,
Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 26)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
19 Thur	07.26	9.1	19.41	9.3
20 Fri	08.01	9.4	20.17	9.6
21 Sat	08.38	9.5	20.54	9.7
22 Sun	09.17	9.6	21.35	9.7
23 Mon	09.55	9.4	22.11	9.6
24 Tues	10.34	9.4	22.53	9.3
25 Wed	11.13	9.1	23.38	9.0
26 Thur			12.06	8.7

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

French Scouts are Mayor's guests and... ..Retiring Head has tea in the parlour



THESE pictures were taken when the Vale Mayor and Mayoress met Scouts from Fecamp, France, in the Mayor's Parlour in the Town Hall.

The Scouts were spending a week visiting Barry as guests of the 5th Barry Scout Group.



TEACHER Margaret Reynolds of Barry, is pictured (above) receiving a basket of flowers from the Vale Mayor, Coun Eric Hacker, to mark her retirement after 28 years in the classroom.

Mrs Reynolds was deputy headteacher at St Helen's Roman Catholic School, for 18 years and has never taken a single day's sick leave.

She joined the Mayor and Mayoress along with colleagues from the school, for tea and cakes in the Mayor's Parlour, Barry.

ROTARY CLUB'S NEW PRESIDENT IN BARRY



ABOVE (left to right): Quentin Lewis (treasurer), Ann Miller (past president), Alan Rich (immediate past president), Jaqui Skone (president), Robert Connell (president elect).

BARRY Vale Rotary Club recently held its hand-over dinner at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club.

New president Jaqui Skone has taken over the chain of office from outgoing president Alan Rich, after

a successful year in which this small club again raised more than £3,500 for various charities.

Jaqui, who also continues her role as club secretary, plans to carry on the good work through an interesting and varied programme in the year ahead.

Group shares its Jubilee memories

FRIENDS and Neighbours held their monthly meeting at the Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry, where all enjoyed a strawberry cream tea with scones.

Over 30 members had a very pleasant afternoon, and enjoyed looking at the photographs of their recent Diamond Jubilee celebrations, held at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall.

Castle and Communities First police officers also called in to give informal advice on various issues and chatted to members about personal concerns.

Two are arrested

POLICE were contacted 19 times by CCTV operators at the Vale Council during the week ending July 15.

A female was arrested on July 10 at Northcote Terrace for an outstanding warrant and police arrested a man concerning criminal damage on George Street, Barry on July 12.

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IS NOW THE RIGHT TIME TO REVIVE RHOOSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL?

Councillor insists: 'We have enough government in Wales already'

A RHOOSE councillor has said he has reservations about whether there should be the return of a community council for the village, because – “we are currently over-governed in Wales”.

One trader recently suggested in The GEM that a restoration of the body, which ceased undertaking its responsibilities in May 1990, might help to raise the profile of the village.

Former Vale Leader, Gordon Kemp, said he would be willing to hold a public meeting on reviving the council, after people raised the issue of the community council with him during the Vale election campaign.

If Rhose Community Council is re-formed, it would be funded by a 'precept' which would be added to the local residents' council tax bills.

Throughout the Vale, depending on the size of the council, its staffing and the nature of its

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responsibilities, this can vary between, approximately, £8 and £55.

Coun Philip Clarke told The GEM: “I would support the reviving of Rhose Community Council, only if there was an overwhelming majority of residents in favour of it.

“However, I would be mindful of a number of points.

“The community council would have limited powers and the residents would suffer an increase in council tax, along with the cost of the necessary referendum.

“Furthermore, evidence suggests that the residents of Rhose are content with the service that the Vale Council has provided for the last 22 years, since the community council disbanded, following a large vote against it.

“I have no doubt that former Coun Kemp has laudable, well meaning, civic intentions in making himself available to hold a public meeting in

order to discuss the issue, now that he has been voted off the council.

“He has had ample opportunity to raise the issue while in office, well in advance of the recent election.

“We are presently over-governed in Wales, being run by central government, a Welsh Government, and local government. Do we really need another community council?

“Adding a third precept would increase most people's outgoings in these times of budgetary constraints.

“In consideration of these matters, my view is that the greater majority of residents would not support the resurrection of the community council.”

MAJORITY

Mr Gordon Kemp explained that the issue of a community council had been mentioned to him at two elections in recent years.

He told The GEM: “The reasons that I raised the restoration of a community council for Rhose were two-fold: it was raised with me during the recent election campaign, and secondly, it was raised by a local trader who felt that it might raise the profile of Rhose.

“As a number of residents had asked me about the possibility, I then took the opportunity of

mentioning it myself when speaking to people on the doorstep.

“I would estimate that the majority in favour was just under two to one – not an ‘overwhelming majority’, but a majority nonetheless.

“The issue had also been mentioned during the 2008 election campaign and, following that election, I wrote a letter to The GEM raising the matter. It did not result in a huge response.

“I would also add that residents of Penmark discussed the issue of their lack of a community council with me earlier this year.”

Mr Kemp said there was no denying that there would be a charge if people wanted to go ahead with a community council, but that ‘precept’ would depend on the extra services people wanted.

He said: “It is obvious that the restoration of a community council would result in a cost to the council tax payer, but how much that would be, would depend on what a council wanted to provide, over and above what is done by the Vale Council.

“At the moment, the highest charge by a town or community council is £53.89 per annum for Llantwit Major and the lowest £8.72 in Wick. I pay £10.07 as I live in the Llanfarcraig council area and Coun Clarke pays £48.87 in Barry.”

Hitting the right notes

IN June, The GEM announced the launching of a new ladies choral group in Penarth called Allegro, which received an enthusiastic response from readers.

This exciting new group is directed by Ray Dibble, MBE, and the aim is to produce popu-

lar standards and songs from major musicals.

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PICTURED: Waitrose branch partner Vicky Barree, DM Retail's Rebecca Herrington, and Louise Tambini (Project Director for Keep Wales Tidy) with Alun Cairns.

SENIOR staff at the Barry branch of Waitrose, have presented a cheque for almost £8,000 to the Keep Wales Tidy charity.

A total of £7,961.10 was donated from the proceeds of the plastic carrier bag charge, which was put in place by the Welsh Government in October last year. Waitrose decided to donate all of the proceeds from the 5p charge to environmental causes in Wales.

Partners from Waitrose Barry and Pontprennau voted to donate the money to Keep Wales Tidy in recognition of the excellent work they do in the area. The cheque

was handed over by Vale MP Alun Cairns to project director Louise Tambini at the Barry store.

Waitrose Barry branch manager, Adrian Higham, said: “Keep Wales Tidy are committed to setting up projects which protect the local environment and it's great that this money will be used to help carry on their fantastic work.”

Louise Tambini, projects director, Keep Wales Tidy, said: “The success of the carrier bag charge is good news for Wales's environment and we hope to see a reduction in the amount of bag related litter.

“Keep Wales Tidy is grateful

to retailers like Waitrose who donate some or all of the charge to support our work with communities and to carry out environmental improvement projects.”

Mr Cairns commented: “This is a fantastic sum of money, going to the core purpose of the bag charge – it's a great credit to Waitrose and their customers. This money stays in Wales and will be used for a variety of environmental projects.

“Keep Wales Tidy have lobbied for this action for some time, and I'm delighted to be able to present them with such a significant sum of money from Waitrose.”

Does anyone remember Dora?

IN reference to the article ‘Congratulations, Jean!’ in The GEM (June 28), would the ladies of Barry Ladies Choir remember Dora German (nee Dobbs)?

She sang soprano with them, together with Marjorie Pugh, who played piano and conducted the choir.

Sadly, Dora German (my mother) passed away 10 days before her 93rd birthday in 2009. Edward German, Barry

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LABOUR LEADERS HIT OUT IN DINAS CARE HOME ROW

AFTER a major row broke out last week over the Bryneithin residential home, at Dinas Powys – where one elderly resident is looked after by 13 staff – the ruling Labour group on the Vale Council has gone on the attack, accusing the previous Conservative administration of incompetence.

Coun Stuart Egan, the cabinet member for adults on the Vale Council, has commented on a second case where social services have been spending money on empty beds – this time in the Ty Dyfan residential home in Barry. He said: "The cabinet of the Vale

Council is aware of the concerns local people have about the situation in Bryneithin, which was inherited from the previous administration, and is costing £450,000 to keep open.

"When we came into this administration, there were two residents in Bryneithin. Sadly, one resident has recently died, leaving only one remaining resident in the home.

"The costs of this are high, but that resident is entitled to remain there, and the home must be staffed round the clock – this is the reason why costs are so high.

"However, following investigations into the situation in Bryneithin, it has been alleged that there are very serious

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issues in Ty Dyfan.

"It is alleged that 12 EMI beds have remained empty for many years and allegedly cost £190,000 per year."

There are 32 beds at Ty Dyfan in total. The GEM understands that the 12 unoccupied ones are in a separate wing. Coun Egan continued: "If they had been filled they would have catered for 12 EMI patients and the cost would have been similar to keeping Bryneithin open.

"This is despite there being patients left in hospital who may have needed

these beds. It appears that the previous administration did not do anything about it and this is yet another example of the things we are now uncovering."

He continued: "Although we knew things were bad, with expenditure on social services overspending by £3.5 million last year alone, we didn't think things were as bad as they actually are. "As a new administration, we are determined to get to the bottom of what has happened. We will be reporting our findings as the investigation concludes.

"We cannot allow the current situation to continue, but will need some time to get to the bottom of the situation and to make plans for the future. "We also want to make it clear that

we intend investigating using the Bryneithin site for the provision of care for older people, but our investigations haven't yet concluded.

"The issue is high on our agenda and we are committed to resolving it, following consultation and engagement with the local community."

Coun Jeff James told The GEM that he understood that the wing at Ty Dyfan had been originally earmarked for some of the residents from Bryneithin.

He said that the operational reasons for the beds still being empty was a matter for the Vale Council social services department.

Local photographer snaps a funnel cloud



LEFT The scene from the Knap on Sunday, showing a funnel cloud extending from the main, dark cloud.

Photograph by PHIL DAWSON.

KEEN local photographer Phil Dawson captured this image of a 'funnel cloud' hovering over the Bristol Channel on Sunday evening, July 15, at 6pm.

Phil told The GEM: "The picture was taken from The Knap looking towards Rhosce Point.

"The funnel is one of several that developed and decayed quickly. None of them became fully developed.

"If these clouds had reached the ground, they would have been classed

as tornadoes, or over water as a waterspout. As it was, they did not develop beyond what you can see and so remain classified as a funnel cloud – produced by a swiftly rotating column of air, or vortex."

It's the first time he has seen the phenomenon since he moved to Seapoint flats at The Knap seven years ago.

"I did see one at The Captain's Wife, Swanbridge once. It touched down on the water and produced a swirling spray."

Group proud to win a Philip Lawrence award

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)
The Philip Lawrence Awards were created to recognise people who have shown outstanding citizenship. Vale People First, which was founded in 2004, is an advocacy organisation which seeks to provide a voice for people of all ages with learning difficulties.

Liz explained: "We support people with learning difficulties to speak up and be in charge of their lives."

The group was recognised for a youth film it produced called 'Rights Fighters', aimed at exposing discrimination.

Liz added: "One of our messages is that all

children are capable of excellence and making their communities better."

Vale People First has enjoyed a local celebration for winning the award – now the organisation is looking forward to a trip to London.

The youth groups meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Holme View Leisure Centre.

Tuesday – 11 to 15-year-olds, 4.15pm to 6.15pm; and Thursday – 16 to 17-year-olds, 5pm to 7pm.

Anyone with a learning difficulty who would like to know more about the group, can contact Liz, or her colleague Ros, on 01446 724010.

Update from the Penarth and district Ramblers

ON Wimbledon finals weekend, the mountain forecast for the Brecon Beacons area was pretty bleak with plenty more rain being promised to fall.

However, Barrie and the small group who joined him took a chance and journeyed up to Patrishow (or Patrishow) in the Black Mountains and happily enjoyed settled weather with good visibility but very wet underfoot conditions.

The mountain stream of Nant Mair, or Mary's Stream, was near where a Celtic Christian called Issui decided to settle in order to spread his message and the holy well dedicated to him lies just below the pretty Patrishow stone church which is actually called - The Church of Merthyr Issui at Patricio.

The church contains a statue of St Issui sculpted in 1995 by a man who lives much closer to home in Penarth, called Frank Roper.

Having paid a visit to the clear waters of the well, the group dropped down into the Grwyne Fawr valley and crossed the river before climbing gradually from Bal-Bach to Bal-Maw.

On the open blustery mountain the wind was fierce and coffee was taken in the shelter of a cairn before the group entered a forest, tramp-

ing downhill to re-cross the river where they stopped to enjoy a well-deserved lunch in some sunshine.

A long trek up through Mynydd Du forest led them to the ridge where they rested for refreshment and, continuing for a mile or so, they descended into the pretty Cwm Ffrwd valley and made their way back to the start.

On July 21, a 13.5-mile moderate train ramble from Bridgend will take place, walking back along the coast to Llantwit Major. Buy a return ticket and catch the 8.48am train from Cogan, 8.53am at Dinas Powys and 9.05am at Barry; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Also on July 21, meet at 9.30am at the Barry Waterfront for an eight-mile moderate walk taking in Wick, Colwinston and Llandow; contact Geraint on 029 20515278.

On July 22, meet at 9am at Cogan (not 9.30am as in your programme) for a nine-mile moderate/hard walk at Cribarth and Henrhyd Gorge; contact Robin on 029 20514051.

On July 26, meet at 7pm at Wenvoe village church, for a 3.5-mile moderate walk at St Lythans via Nina's Path; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 20255102.

Joy Strangward

Sully U3A hear all about care of rescue dogs

THE speaker at Sully U3A's July meeting was Linda Feagan from the Dogs Trust Bridgend Centre, who was welcomed to the meeting by chairman Gill Mathias.

Linda was accompanied by her own King Charles Spaniel, Ruby. Ruby was a rescue dog, roughly one year old, when she came into the Bridgend centre and Linda decided to keep her. Ruby is now about four and happily wandered around the hall while Linda was talking.

Linda spoke about the Dogs Trust in Bridgend but also mentioned that there are 17 other centres in different parts of Britain with a 19th due to be opened in Basildon.

Originally called The National Canine Defence League, the organisation changed its name and also promised that they would never put a healthy dog to

sleep. Linda spoke about the reasons for dogs arriving at the centre, the facilities for caring for them and training them and the education programme they have to teach young people about dogs and their needs.

Linda said to beware of people advertising puppies, especially those who will not let you pick up the puppy but want to bring the puppy to you or want you to meet them halfway.

The Bridgend centre rehomes around 600 dogs a year. The Trust is supported by voluntary contributions and some volunteers walk the dogs regularly.

Linda was warmly thanked for her interesting talk and she offered to arrange a visit to the centre.

The next monthly meeting will take place at The Old School, South Road, Sully on August 9, new members welcome.

Susan Colman

Belvedere Park gets a make-over – thanks to local schoolchildren



The young gardeners are pictured hard at work.



FRIDAY Club Playleader Tanya Dee and the children joined forces with The Sensory Garden Project to help with planting in Belvedere Park.

Jean Jones, project co-ordinator, attended Friday Club to encourage members to pot up plants in preparation for planting in the garden.

The children enjoyed potting plants and making labels with their name on.

Avian Garden Services, garden contractors, allocated a plot for the plants and the children were really

excited to be involved in planting their plants in the community garden.

Jean would also like to set up a garden club to develop the garden.

If you have a keen interest in gardening, and would like to help out with tidying and weeding or making booklets and plant labels for the garden please contact Jean on 01446 403549.

You can follow The Sensory Garden's progress and see project activity photos to date by visiting our website www.dicdevelopment-trust.com JJ

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'Vale is open for business' – with bright prospects

THE Vale of Glamorgan is 'open for business.'

That is the message coming from Welsh Government working with the newly-elected Vale Council, local business, commuters and our communities in Barry and the western Vale.

We are pulling out all the stops to make this a reality with the powers and levers we have got.

That means investing in our infrastructure – in transport, housing, the environment, education and skills.

The First Minister, Carwyn Jones and Carl Sargeant, our Transport Minister, have been working hard to ensure the Vale was included in the plans to electrify the Great Western Main Line to Swansea and the Valley Lines network during the next railway investment period.

The news that we were successful, in the announcement by the Secretary of State on Monday, is very welcome indeed.

In my statement to the press on Monday, I welcomed the news, saying that I had pressed hard for the electrification of the Vale of Glamorgan lines and was delighted

ed with the announcement.

The prospects for the regeneration of Barry and the positive developments with the St Athan Enterprise Zone have been strengthened by this good news for Vale businesses, commuters and our communities in Barry and the western Vale.

I know this announcement will be welcomed by all those who use our Vale of Glamorgan rail service – commuters, school and college students, families and visitors to the Vale, as well as those who use it for daily convenience to access services.

I am continuing to press for a half-hourly service and the Welsh Government has announced the funding for a new platform at Barry Station as we make progress with these plans.

If rail transport is sustainable and reliable, it will provide a real alternative to the car and road transport for all aspects of life and the local economy.

The First Minister, Carwyn Jones AM, said in his response to the announcement: "Investing in our transport infrastructure is vital as we look to improve the economic competitiveness

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Vale AM
JANE HUTT
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

of Wales, and the electrification of the Great Western Main Line from Cardiff to Swansea will provide a strengthened east-west corridor..."

The Vale is a key part of that corridor as we develop new opportunities for our county, in its own right, with a strengthened partnership between the Welsh Government and the Vale Council.

This includes being open to the opportunities that a 'City Region' might offer, as recommended in a report by Dr Elizabeth Haywood last week, commissioned by the Business Minister, Edwina Hart AM.

Dr Haywood said: "Using the city region focus for economic policy, while not a panacea, does, I

believe, offer a way out of recession.

It can help deliver a step-change by creating a better planning system, better transport connection and a more attractive investment proposition."

So the levers, the commitment, the determination from Government at all levels, is there, to make sure that the Vale benefits from our interventions.

The Regeneration Board for Barry will meet again this week; Creative Rural Communities is delivering the Rural Development Plan in the Vale; and the St Athan Aerospace Enterprise Zone is moving forward with new developments and opportunities emerging for jobs and growth.

The Vale Council is breathing new life and optimism into the local economy, motivating and supporting our entrepreneurs and giving new hope to our young people – which is a key message from our new Barry Town Council Mayor.

I am glad to be playing my part to help meet the economic and social needs of our citizens, communities and businesses.

WI Show comes to North Cornelly

THE Glamorgan WI Show will be held in North Cornelly Community Centre on Saturday, July 28 (from 10am-5pm).

The theme this year is 'Village Life' and Institutes throughout Glamorgan will be taking part in 21 classes, including baking, craft,

art, photography, flower classes and many others.

Hands-on craft will be demonstrated and Country Market's homemade cakes and preserves will be on sale. A raffle for delicious hampers will be held.

Refreshments will be on sale throughout the day. Cost of entry, adults £2, accompanied children under 10 years free. JH

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AM's SURGERY

THE Vale of Glamorgan AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery on Friday, July 20 from 4pm to 6pm at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Barry.

Concert for Eisteddfod

A grand cabaret-style concert on Friday, July 20 at The Memorial Hall in Barry will raise funds for next month's National Eisteddfod at Llandow.

Taking part are the Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band, Y Dance Crews Society, Ifan Gwilym Jones, Lisa Jane Davies, Beth Sienna Williams, Aled Sion Williams, accompanist Euros Rhys and Barry Choral Society. Connie Fisher, Johnny Tudor and Melanie Waters will help the evening go with a swing.

Members of Barry Choral Society were delighted to be asked to

perform at the concert and have worked hard over the last three months, rehearsing their short programme.

The choir is pleased to have its new conductor Victoria Pilley wielding the baton on the night with, as always, Emma Arscott accompanying on the piano.

The choir will sing 'Linden Lea' by Vaughan Williams, 'The Seal Lullaby' by Eric Whitacre, 'Dere Di, Dere Do' arranged by Jo Herco, and 'This is the Moment' from the musical Jekyll and Hyde arranged by Tinnia Chinn.

For more information, telephone 01446 418695. BW



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Saturday features SUR while Sunday will be packed with performances from 'Break in Nation' and a number of local groups from 'Motion Control Dance'. 11am to 4pm both days.



STREET MUSIC WEEKENDER

Enjoy live music by the seaside! Saturday - All That Jazz. Sunday - Samba Dancers and Railroad Bill. From 12pm both days.



ENTERTAINMENT WEEKENDER

Olympic-themed street entertainment along the promenade including 'Anyone for Tennis', Sixteen Modelling and Culbert Clott - The Next Olympic Champion. From 12pm both days.



STREET SPORTS WEEKENDER

Join Ash Randall, professional football free-styler, and Matt Hemmings, professional BMX flatlander, for street sport performances and workshops. From 11am to 4pm both days.



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STREET ART WEEKENDER

Let loose your artistic flair by drawing on the mini cubes along the promenade or take part in free graffiti art workshops. All ages and abilities welcome. 11am to 4pm both days.

All events will take place along the prom or seafront. Please note that timings may be subject to change at short notice. For further details, please call 09446 704737 / 01446 747771 or go online at www.visitthevale.com

Botanical gardens trip avoids the rain drops!



Cadoxton branch of the WI recently enjoyed a trip to the National Botanical Gardens.

NEWS FROM CADOXTON WI BRANCH

MEMBERS of the branch left Barry last week to visit the National Botanic Gardens of Wales in Llanarthne, Carmarthenshire.

It rained all the way but by the time the group had had a coffee, the rain had stopped and it was warm enough to see all the exhibits without a jacket.

Not all the sights were visited and the general opinion was a further visit some time next year is a must. **CW**

Superstars in Wonderland

A PRODUCTION of Lewis Carol's much-loved Story *Alice In Wonderland* by Twinklestars and Budding Superstars (ages four–nine), part of Superstars in The Making Performing Arts Academy, was held at Windsor Road Church Hall in Barry.

It featured a talented and energetic young cast from start to finish, using all their drama, music and dance skills. For some of the cast it was their first performance on stage!

The story unfolded with the narrators and Alice taking the audience on an imaginary adventure, meeting all the well-known characters – especially the White Rabbit, Tweedledum and Tweedledee and March Hare to name but a few.

Twinklestars play the royal cards and enjoyed dancing and singing to "A Very Merry Un-Birthday Song" and "Zip-A-Dee-Do-Dah", some of the most popular songs which the audience clapped along with.

The show closed with "It's a Small World" and "Don't Stop Believing".

Audience members were enthralled, making comments such as: "Nice to see how they enjoyed the show – you could tell by their faces", "How well behaved they were", "How could they remember all those lines?" and "They were little stars!"

The children are looking forward to their next production at Barry Memorial Hall on December 1, when the whole of Superstars in The Making will be taking part.

Further details to follow later in the year. **GAYE FIFIELD**

CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

'Sexual predator' (aged 74) gets 13-year jail sentence

A SEXUAL predator aged 74 has been jailed for 13 years at Cardiff Crown Court.

Henry Clarke was said by Judge Stephen Hopkins QC to have indicated a total absence of remorse for his behaviour.

Clarke, a man with no previous convictions, of Tanyralt Avenue, Litchard, Bridgend, had been found guilty after a two-week trial of 15 charges involving indecent assault, committing acts of gross indecency and inciting sexual activity with a child.

Prosecutor Caroline Rees said the offences occurred in the Bridgend area.

Clarke denied all the charges and said the girls

Woman stole cash from own father

A DAUGHTER defrauded her father of more than £4,000.

At the time, he was living with her in Penarth and recuperating after a hip operation.

At Cardiff Crown Court, Jacqueline Cooksey (40) of Plymouth Road pleaded guilty to 11 charges of fraud by false representation.

She had been convicted by Cardiff magistrates and committed to sentence.

She also asked the court to take into consideration six offences of fraud.

Prosecutor John Warren said the total involved was £4,684 and the victim was Cooksey's father, James Whitehouse.

The money was taken from his bank account and he has since been reimbursed by the bank.

At one point, her father loaned her his car but she claimed it had been impounded by the police, and wanted £300, but there was no record of the police being involved.

In January, her father received a bank statement, said Mr Warren, showing unauthorised transactions to a media group, for clothing and to the supermarket.

She had also spent the money on holidays and on alcohol.

When arrested, she claimed the payments were authorised by him.

Her barrister, Carl Williams, said: "Clearly, she has alcohol problems and in effect, the bank is the loser. She still maintains a good relationship with her father."

He said there had been no repetition of the behaviour, and it was inevitable she would be caught. If she went to prison, he said, she would lose her housing

were lying, and that he couldn't have committed the offences because he was impotent.

His counsel, Andrew Davies, said: "It's clear he still denies everything. I can't contend it's not serious."

He asked the judge to reflect on Clarke's age, that he had no previous convictions and that it would be his first custodial sentence.

While in custody recently, he said, Clarke had collapsed, and was taken to hospital.

He added: "What was clear was that he was always hard-working, worked long hours and always provided for his family."

The judge said one of the victims had been confused, and believed it was normal behaviour.

Clarke had shown her pornography, tried to hypnotise her, and told her to say nothing.

Said the judge: "You are a man without conscience, without concern for the harm you have caused. You are a man who only thinks of himself."

He described him as a low person, and said to describe his behaviour as wicked didn't do it justice.

The judge said he had also tried to hypnotise another girl.

Said Judge Hopkins: "You were convicted on the most compelling evidence after the jury rejected your denial."

The case, he added, required a substantial custodial sentence.

"Your victims suffered the burdens of hurt and shame and fear, and all suffered emotionally."

He said there were no mitigating factors.

He directed that on being released, Clarke register for life as a sex offender, and he was banned from working with children.

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Vale dads complete cycling challenge for MIND charity

A GROUP of Vale fathers recently completed a cycling challenge from Cowbridge to Westminster with the local MP, to raise money for charity MIND in the Vale, who provide support for the most vulnerable in the community.

MP Alun Cairns was joined by Joni Cray, John Howkins, Phil Williams, Michael Burne, Owain Saunders Jones, Gerallt Jones and birthday boy Steve Evans, who celebrated his 40th birthday on the first day of the challenge.

The group set off at 6am on Friday, July 6 from Eastgate, Cowbridge, crossing the old Severn Bridge and cycling along the old A-road to London, breaking their journey overnight at Newbury.

They cycled on to Westminster, arriving at mid-Saturday afternoon at Big Ben. They then enjoyed a guided tour of Parliament.

Pictured (LEFT to RIGHT) in front of Big Ben are: Michael Burne, John Howkins, Joni Cray, Owain Saunders Jones, Alun Cairns MP, Gerallt Jones, Steve Evans and Phil Williams.



'Council will open up cabinet to the public'

WHEN we were elected, I made a pledge that the new Vale Council cabinet, although taking the majority of decisions, will be transparent in its decision-making and listen to opinions before taking decisions, unless an urgent decision is required.

This means that cabinet will not only ask for and listen to the opinions of its scrutiny committee, as well as the advice of its professional officers, but it will also listen to the opinions of the people it serves.

To help ensure we are a 'listening' cabinet, I have made a number of changes to how we operate. The fortnightly cabinet meetings, which are held in public, will no longer 'rubber stamp' decisions that have been made in private.

I am committed to ensuring that cabinet decisions are discussed in public and that at the

VIEW FROM THE VALE



by Coun
NEIL MOORE
Leader of the
Vale of
Glamorgan
Council

end of many cabinet meetings the public will be given the chance to ask any questions they may have.

As you may know, cabinet meetings are generally held in the Civic Offices in Barry, but we have decided that every three months we will hold a meeting away from the Civic Offices, visiting other venues in Barry, Penarth, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major.

The meeting scheduled for July 23 will be held at the Barry Town Council Offices (at the side entrance to the Memorial Hall),

Gladstone Road, at 6pm, where we plan an agenda of special interest to the town. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We plan further meetings on October 15 at Llantwit Major Town Hall, on January 21 in Penarth and the April 22 meeting will be in Cowbridge. I hope residents will come along and take the chance to question us and share their views.

Many people are asking about the situation with the Local Development Plan. We have pledged to undertake a fundamental review and we will work

to create a plan that is the best possible solution for the Vale; even if it means starting again from scratch.

There will, of course, be further consultation work undertaken, but until we have completed our review we can not plan a timetable for consultation.

However, we will make sure that consultation will be more thorough and meaningful than that carried out by the previous administration.

On a brighter note, in a few weeks, the National Eisteddfod will take place at Llandow and the council has been working with the Eisteddfod to plan and prepare for the event.

We are also the proud sponsors of this year's Eisteddfod crown – designed by Penarth jeweller, Anne Jones.

The Eisteddfod opens on August 4 and we hope residents will support the event and also visit our pavilion, where a number of events have been organised.

Please see our website for details.

Warm welcome for electrifying news of investment in south Wales railways

THE announcement that railway lines in south Wales are to be electrified has been welcomed by politicians and businessmen alike.

In the Vale, there has been a particularly warm response to the inclusion of the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Line in the programme.

Vale AM Jane Hutt has welcomed that announcement, and said: "I have been pressing hard for the electrification of the Vale of Glamorgan rail lines and am delighted with the news today.

"The prospects for the regeneration of Barry with the St Athan Enterprise Zone are strengthened by this news.

"This is good news for Vale businesses, commuters and our communities in Barry and the western Vale."

The shadow Welsh Transport Minister,

PACT meetings

COURT PACT: July 25 at Ilminster Scott Hall at 7pm.

ST HILARY PACT: coffee and chat, July 26 at The Bush Inn at 11.30am.

SULLY PACT, July 26 at The Jubilee Hall at 8pm.

RHOOSE PACT, August 1 at the Celtic Way Community Centre at 7pm.

Byron Davies, the Conservative Regional AM for South Wales West, said that the £2 billion investment into the rail network in south Wales would give a fantastic boost to the entire economy of the region.

He said: "I am delighted that the Coalition Government in Westminster has found the money to carry out this electrification.

"Businesses located anywhere in south Wales now will have access to a much faster and better rail service for their goods.

"It also means that journey times from

London will be improved and the new link to Heathrow Airport, which was announced last week, means that we will enjoy better access to a major transport hub than many other regions. It's a good news day for Wales."

Mr Davies added that there has been a well-organised cross-party lobby from the area for this announcement.

"I hope that they will acknowledge the fact that a Conservative-led coalition has found the money for electrification at a time of recession and austerity when the Labour Government

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

failed to electrify a single inch of the Great Western line to Wales during the years of boom and prosperity."

First Minister Carwyn Jones said: "I am delighted that electrification of the Great Western Main Line to Swansea and the Valley Lines network has been included for delivery in the next railway

investment period.

"Investing in our transport infrastructure is vital as we look to improve the economic competitiveness of Wales, and the electrification of the Great Western Main Line from Cardiff to Swansea will provide a strengthened east-west economic corridor.

"Today's announcement supports our argument that Cardiff is not the end of the line, or the end of our ambitions for economic prosperity in Wales."

Mark Langman, Network Rail's route managing director for Wales, said: "We are extremely pleased and excited by the UK Government's announcement.

"Wales relies on rail and this electrification announcement will be a real boost to the economy of south Wales. New and longer trains will deliver more seats and quicker journeys to London, improving the passenger experience and also driving economic growth.

"This news is on top of the massive investment programme already

underway in south Wales. The programme to date has delivered a modern signalling system between the Severn Tunnel and Newport, as well as a new station building and platform at Newport.

"We will also soon be starting work on a major scheme in the Cardiff area to improve reliability and capacity," he added.

Roadworks: latest update

Eisteddfod
AS the National Eisteddfod will be taking place at the former Llandow Airfield between August 4-11, a temporary 30mph speed limit will be in operation along the B4270, between the Llantwit Major by-pass and Nash Corner.

Access into the airfield/industrial estate via the main entrance will remain as normal.

However, due to a one-way system, traffic leaving the industrial area will be required to exit via the northern

access road.
During morning and evening peak hours, there may be delays along the B4270 and adjoining roads. Every effort will be made to keep disruption to a minimum.

Roadworks – A4055 Leckwith Road, Leckwith; A48, A4050, A4222, B4265, B4270 and B4267.

Temporary Traffic Control – A4050 Port Road, junction with Pencoedre Lane, Barry;

Junction Plas Cleddau and Severn Avenue, Barry; B4265 Llantwit Major by-pass near the junction for Llantwit Major Road.

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18-MONTH JAIL SENTENCE FOR MOTHER WHO ATTACKED HER TWO CHILDREN

A mother has been jailed for 18 months at Cardiff Crown Court for assaulting her two sons.

The woman, aged in her 30s, who cannot be named for legal reasons, admitted four charges of child cruelty.

The victims, said Judge David Wynn Morgan, had plainly suffered psychological damage.

He told the Vale woman: "All offences of child cruelty are wicked, particularly by a mother against her natural children."

He said the offences occurred over a considerable period of time.

"Your victims were young and particularly vulnerable. You abused your position of trust.

"Your victims lived in constant and unrelenting fear, and you took away their happy childhood."

He said her violence was not sadistic, but the result of an uncontrollable temper. She herself had accused the children of exaggerating and lying.

On one occasion, said prosecutor Jennett Trehan, she lost her tem-

CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

per with her son, grabbed him by the arm and shouted at him.

On another occasion, she slapped his face after he had grabbed her.

In a statement, that victim said he had moved to a supportive household.

What happened to him, he said, affected his confidence and his ability to make friends, and he had self-harmed.

He stated: "I would not have treated children in the future in the way I was treated," and described his mother as a bully.

The court heard that the second son had been slapped, and after spotting bruising, a teacher spoke to the defendant.

On more than one occasion, she would bang the boys' heads together after they had been fighting.

The second boy, said Ms Trehan, was nervous and quiet,

had had extensive counselling and had made an attempt on his life.

The boy said: "I don't think there was any love in the house."

The woman's counsel, Ruth Smith, said: "It is a very sad case. She pleaded guilty and was desperate that the children didn't have to give evidence.

"There has been genuine remorse for the damage she did. There was a loss of control. There were also allegations of domestic violence towards her, and she was seen with two black eyes.

"Her behaviour was inappropriate in a situation of stress, and she had sought counselling for anger management."

Ms Smith said that all her children had left her care, which was the ultimate punishment.

She added that she could become depressed and tried to take her own life.

The judge commended the officer in the case, DC Nicholas Miller.

The judge called one of the victims forward and told him: "The fact that the court sent your mother to prison is not your fault."

Former Taff Railway landmark is set to disappear at Aberthaw

ANOTHER piece of the former Taff Vale Railway's Aberthaw branch is set to disappear.

The earthworks of the Llantrisant to Aberthaw Low Level railway have remained almost intact since the closure to all traffic south of Cowbridge in 1932, and some unclassified road 'over-bridges' between the former A48 at Cowbridge and East Aberthaw have become the responsibility of the British Railways Board.

Often, it is the practice to leave road over-bridges intact but back-fill the cutting below.

This was done at Cowbridge, one skew-bridge in Aberthaw Road, north of the Eastgate traffic lights, towards the former grammar school and the other at the foot of Primrose Hill where the A48 passes over the railway alignment east of the Eastgate traffic lights (No.28, Beggars Bush).

A further cutting and lane overbridge south of the A48 was backfilled and the Hillside drive housing complex built there.

The next road over-bridge was of stone construction and in a lane from the St Athan road to Cowbridge, was numbered bridge 32 and was located at Beaupre, where a halt serving St Hilary used to be located.

One lane overbridge (No.33) was completely removed from a narrow lane running up to St Hilary from a junction with the St Mary Church-Llantrithyd road.

Road overbridge (No.34, named Kingsland) just north of the former St.Mary Church station and south of St Hilary, was the subject of re-strengthening a few years ago as it bore a metal span and the opportunity to widen the very narrow lane here, was taken during the work.

The next overbridge, No.39 and still standing, was of stone construc-



tion and in an inclined lane from Llanbethery and was a vehicle and pedestrian access to Llanbethery halt.

The only rail over-bridge which originally caused a problem was that of bridge No.42, the one immediately south of the former St Athan Road station north of Aberthaw cement works.

This had limited headroom for road vehicles on what is now the B4265 Barry-Llantwit Major trunk road and after closure of the line, its steel span was removed.

However, its abutments, side walls and pilasters have survived as a landmark for decades and it is reported that the single track line was lifted in 1940 for the war effort scrap steel demand.

South of here, the single line continued on an embankment and there was a siding connection to Aberthaw Cement works before the line passed into a shallow cutting which led to a rail overbridge (No.54) carrying the Vale of Glamorgan double track line.

The new rotary kiln at the LaFarge cement works now stands on the alignment.

The line then continued in a gentle curve, part cutting - part embankment, to Aberthaw Low Level station, beyond which a siding served the Aberthaw lime works at Pleasant Harbour.

As is the case for many road overbridges

or underbridges on disused railway lines, the British Railways Board is still involved in overseeing the safety of structures, except for those which have passed into the hands of the county councils or local authorities, and as each railway line has an engineering line reference (ELR), one will see the stencilled lettering identifying the line and up to a few years ago, the mileage and chainage of the railway location.

Generally, this has been superseded by the letters BRB and the line reference abbreviation and bridge number.

The task of this work was transferred to one of the main railway contractors a couple of years ago but on "live" railway overbridges and structures which pass over roads, one will see the enamelled plate bearing the words

'Railtrack', the bridge name and the ELR with the mileage and location plus a telephone number to report a bridge strike.

The remnants of bridge number 42 at St Athan Road station site and B4265 have very recently been re-identified with the latest stencil format (BRB ATW 42) and with an imminent removal of the south-side stonework, some of the embankment is to be relieved to make way for a road straightening scheme.

With the River Thaw passing under the road to the west and the River Kenon passing under the road to the east and then under the old railway embankment via a brick-arched overbridge, all being subject to tidal back-flow in the vicinity, this area used to suffer very badly from spring tide flooding.

Until a road remodeling scheme was carried out at Burton Bridge some years ago, traffic on this road used to come to a halt until the tide receded.

So another landmark is set to be altered and the current state of the scene is recorded on the photograph (ABOVE).

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THE Cowbridge School 40th reunion takes place at Bar 44 on Saturday, July 28, for starters in 1983.

Scout jumble

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Out and About with The GEM

Penarth gardens open for charity

THE 16th 'Open Gardens Trail' weekend Penarth is on Saturday, July 28, at 10am-6pm, and Sunday, July 29 (at 11am-5pm).

There will be nine gardens open, and also the private Sully Terrace allotments in Westbourne Road.

The gardens are: 68 Redlands Road, (serving refreshments); 77 Coleridge Avenue, (well known local artist selling cards);

Waltham House, Bradford Place (croquet on the lawn and children's corner, also serving teas/coffee); 82 Plymouth Road (plants); 11 Cosmeston

Cottages, (selling plants); 118a Lavernock Road, (plants); 135 Westbourne Road; 4 Tudor Close, Westbourne Road (serving refreshments all day); 6 St Peters Road, open afternoons only. (There are also disabled facilities at this garden).

The Sully Terrace private allotments in Westbourne Road are open from 10am-6pm (Saturday only).

The events will raise funds for the Children's Society.

Entry is by rover ticket (£5); children admitted free of charge.

Family service

ON Sunday, July 22, All Saints Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, holds a family service at 10am, when a Christian book will be presented to each member of the Sunday School and youth group to mark the end another school year.

The worship will include items suitable for all ages and there will also be a parish barbecue in the square at 12 noon.

Proceeds will go towards the church re-ordering fund. All are welcome.

Valeways walks

ON Monday, July 23 at 7pm, Dave's summer walk, starting at the entrance to Jackson's Bay, Redbrink Crescent, Barry Island.

On Tuesday, July 24 at 1.30pm, views of countryside and coast, starting at Llantwit Major beach car park.

On Wednesday, July 25 at 1.45pm, coffee shop strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park outside the visitor centre.

On Thursday, July 26 at 10.30am, Lighthouse

and Lanes, starting at Nash Point car park (fee payable).

Cadoc surgery

CADOC Labour councillors Anne Moore, Fred Johnson, and Neil Moore will be holding a surgery at the Cadoxton Community Centre, off Edmund Place, Barry, on Saturday, July 28 from 10.30am-11.30am. No appointments are necessary.

Gardens open FIVE gardens in the Victorian suburb of Penylan, Cardiff, will be open on July 29.

The gardens open show a variety of ways of adding interest and individuality to a small space, including Mediterranean-style sunny patio areas, informal mix of cottage plants, slate used as paving material, a riot of exotic foliage, stone walled south east facing cottage garden offering colour and peace away from the busy main road and a bijou terrace garden profusely planted with an abundance of unusual and exotic plants.

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Eisteddfod fundraiser

BRIDGEND Male Choir (National Eisteddfod winners 2004 and 2006) are performing in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Friday, August 3 at 7.30pm, in aid of the Eisteddfod.

Tickets - £5 adult, £3 students, from Graham Morgan, Old White Hart, Llantwit Major (telephone 01446 790132 or 07948 485325).

Pupils' art mirrors poem

AN art show in the Travellers Cafe/Gallery run by Mind in the Vale at Barry Station, is attracting commuters' interest.

Art students from Llantwit Major Comprehensive school are interpreting a poem by Welsh poet, Mena Elfyn, 'The Burning Multitude', in conjunction with Glamorgan Artists.

The gallery/cafe is open on weekday mornings from 7.30am-12.30pm and helps those with mental health problems get back into work.

Vale of Glamorgan artists will display their interpretations of the poem (also to be shown at the National Eisteddfod) following the Llantwit school show, from August 14-September 6.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D731.

● £2,000: 839225.
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Local theatre company to perform Broadway show at Memorial Hall

BARRY amateur dramatics group, Billboard Ensemble, will be performing the popular musical 'Guys & Dolls' for the first time in the group's 16-year history.

It will be performed over a special four-day run, from July 25-28, in the Memorial Hall Theatre, Barry at 7.30pm.

The show is directed by local drama teacher, Jonathan Coombs, who has been involved with every production since the group's formation in 1996.

Billboard Ensemble is a non-profit-making organisation run by an administration team and a production team.

Any profits from a show are ploughed back into the next production.

Guys & Dolls is filled with grade-A songs by Frank Loesser, a story by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows and the characters of Damon Runyon.

This 1950 classic is widely regarded as the paradigm for a well-made musical comedy.

Nathan Detroit, the organiser of the floating crap game, bets Sky Masterson that he can't make the next girl he sees fall in love with him - and it turns out to be

Miss Sarah Brown of the Save-a-Soul Mission. Meanwhile, Nathan's fiancée - and the main attraction at the Hot Box nightclub - Miss Adelaide, only wants to get married.

Featuring the songs 'Luck be a Lady', 'Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat', and 'If I Were a Bell' this musical is the perfect balance of story, dance, music, and romance.

Ceri Goodwin, who takes on the lead-role of Sergeant Sarah Brown in the production, said: "We are delighted to be tackling such a big musical, because the show encapsulates all of Billboard Ensemble's theatrical ambitions.

"We are an amateur dramatics company, but there is nothing amateur about us.

"We perform in a huge theatre that can hold an audience of 1,300 people; we have a professional 12-piece orchestra, and hire spectacular scenery and costumes. The production is a real feast for the senses!"

Tickets are: £10 adults, £9 children/OAPs, available from A&A Dancewear, Park Crescent, Barry and Copy It, Holton Road, Barry, or online at: <http://www.billboard-ensemble.com>.

For further information, contact June Coombs on 01446400055.

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Cardiff, and competed against teams from across Wales.

The team of 16 known as 'IN-HD,' took away eight trophies, winning first place in the under-16 team dance, where

they faced heavy competition.

Superstars street dance teacher, Yasmin Harcourt, trained the team intensively to put Barry back on the map for street dance.

Her innovative choreography and new variety of styles took IN-HD to the top place. Academy principal Christian Bullen said that this is the start of something new for the town and local people can attend classes and compete in competitions across the country.

The girls will be at the Barry Memorial Hall on August 23-24. Tickets are available from www.memorial-halltheatre.co.uk.

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Dunraven Gardens SITUATED on a hill overlooking the beach of Southerndown, lies the walled gardens of Dunraven. The history surrounding these gardens has an intriguing insight into a world of lordship and tragedy, connected to a building of grandeur from our not too distant past.

The fortified manor house known as Dunraven Castle once stood overlooking the coast of Southerndown. It was built on the site of an Iron Age settlement and fort on the hillside, which later made way for a 12th century stone building constructed by Armand Bottler (also interpreted as Botiler).

During 16th century, the Vaughan family lived within the manor house until 1642 when the Wyndham kinfolk purchased the property.

They became important citizens within the community and built a fortified manor, naming it Dunraven Castle. Its ancient name in Welsh is Dundryfan, which translates as 'triangular fortress'.

Ancient Princes of Soluria, Bran ap Llŷr, his son Caradoc, and other families from Ireland, also lived at the fortified manor and in 1886 the Duke and Duchess of Tick visited the dancing stones of Dunraven.

During World War I, the manor was used as a military hospital and convalescent home for wounded soldiers. Before the outbreak of World War II, the castle played host to the Dunraven Horticultural and Flower Show, where educational walks were organised

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around its beautiful grounds and gardens.

The castle then continued as a family home until the 1960s, when the owner had a dispute with the local authority because they refused him permission to develop the land.

In a fit of anger, he demolished the building in 1962. But tragedy had already cast its spell on him as his three sons had met their deaths in tragic circumstances.

Today, only the enclosed walled gardens, entrance gateway, grand lodge, outer wall, ice tower and ruins remain of this once enchanting fortified manor. These are all now Grade II listed.

Legend maintains that Walter Vaughan, who was Lord of Dunraven, was a kind-hearted man who found satisfaction in saving the lives of sailors whose vessels had become victim to the cruel sea.

His heroics were frowned upon by the government, causing him to become disillusioned, and as a result he spent his fortune in a wasteful way.

Penniless, he teamed up with the local wreckers and their pirate leader named 'Mat of the Iron Hand', and together they lured ships onto the treacherous rocks by evilly placing lanterns on roaming sheep.

They were used as decoys to confuse sailors whose vessels would plunge on to the hazardous rocks.

Walter Vaughan had been a magistrate in previous years, and it was him who passed sentence

upon Mat of the Iron Hand – and now he was indulging in the same circle of wickedness as the pirate and his ship wreckers.

Burdened by greed and time spent away from his home, Walter tragically lost his three sons who all drowned at sea.

Could these horrifying accidents be fate paying him back with heartache for his dastardly deeds, or just a legendary fable passed on through time?

The glowing figure of a ghostly lady wearing a blue dress and leaving behind the distinct aroma of perfume was reported to haunt the upper floors of the fortified manor for centuries before its downfall.

It was not known who she was, but could she have been responsible for the misfortune surrounding the manor, by showing her disapproval in such a disturbing way?

Chilling screams have been heard, bellowing out across Dunraven Bay, pitifully shouting for help, which could only have fallen upon deaf years from a bygone era, when looters gleefully watched the harrowing ordeal of sailors drowning in the cruel sea.

Could these haunting sounds be from a restless seaman who walks the coastline on the anniversary of his death, or just a figment of peoples imagination?

Around the Ice Tower, the echoing sound of horses galloping at pace has been heard, particularly at the dead of night.

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News from 372 (Barry) Squadron Air Training Corps

Local cadets step lively - for 50 miles!

RECENTLY, Air Cadets Toby Boss and Curtis Hayes from 372 (Barry) Squadron completed the gruelling two-day, 50-mile Royal Air Force WARMA march held at RAF Cosford.

Both Toby and Curtis returned home glowing with their medals as a reward for their hard work and determination to complete such a strenuous challenge.

With early starts of 6.20am, it meant that the Cadets were up and out by 5am, a time they had only heard existed!

Also, this year the weather proved to be temperamental with hot patches as well as cold showers.

However, the Cadets had been trained superbly to deal with not falling behind, keeping up the pace and ensuring morale was at its peak. The days were certainly more exciting than expected with plenty of marching songs to fit the mood.

Toby and Curtis endured months of intense training at MoD St Athan where they marched distances from 10 miles to 22 miles at a

time in order to build stamina, strength and determination.

It doesn't stop there for Toby and Curtis; their summer is now full of training, in readiness for their trip to Holland to complete the 100-mile four-day Nijmegen march.

Cadets will also be taking part in various activities including kayaking, caving, hiking, target shooting, flying and gliding and many more.

Sugar Loaf training

THE Air Cadets recently travelled to the Black Mountains to walk up Sugar Loaf.

The aim of the day was to train to a competent degree of navigation and team building skills.

The Cadets walked 12 kilometres, gaining 800 feet of height.

The route followed a mixture of well defined paths, tracks, forestry sections as well as moderate climbs. The cadets worked very well, encouraging and assisting each other throughout the day.

The Cadets also had a first aid exercise which they successfully dealt with.

Cadet Nathan David said: "It was really cool and the views from the top of Sugar Loaf were



Toby Boss and Curtis Hayes after completing their 50-mile march.

amazing. I enjoy the challenge of the walk and I learnt so much which will help me prepare with my Duke of Edinburgh expedition."

Snowdonia test

AIR Cadets from 372 (Barry) and 2300 (St Athan) Squadrons travelled to north Wales to walk up various mountains in the National Park.

The Cadets walked for five hours gaining heights in excess of 800 metres up Tryfan, and Y Foel Goch.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 (Barry) Squadron have vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old. The Squadron



parade on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7pm-9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour. Phone the Squadron on 01446 747734 or email 372@aircadets.org

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Cadets Leah Veale, Georgia James, Rhys Thomas, Sean Hodges, Hannah Gaskin, Ellie Bown and Alex Dighton at Snowdon.

St Donat's magic weekend

VISITORS from all over the world recently enjoyed three days of international story-telling magic in the fairy tale setting of St Donat's Castle, home to Atlantic College.

The Greenfield festival celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Brothers Grimm, their tales re-told through circus performers, storytellers from around the world, musicians, fire shows, sculptors and illustrators, street theatre artists, puppeteers, and dancers.

"Storytelling touches what dreams are made of, and the audience's response is heart-felt, whatever their age," festival director David Ambrose said.

Welsh talent abounded, including Daniel Morden, winner of the Tir-Na-N-Og Prize, and Taffy Thomas with Guto Dafis and Tony Farren, while Swiss storytelling circus La Compagnie Nicole et Martin delighted audiences in sunny rose gardens and colourful tents.

The celebrated Company of Storytellers performed under the mag-

nificent vaulted roof of the castle's great Bradenstoke Hall.

The timeless art of storytelling is celebrated across cultures. Performer Tuup and sitar accompanist Sheema Mukherjee brought ancient Indian tales to the castle's smooth green lawns, while American Pam Faro delivered a powerful eye-witness account of her great uncle Olaf's survival in steerage, on the 100th anniversary of the Titanic disaster.

Transglobal Underground's set, fusing western, Oriental and African music, and She'koyokh's Klezmer and Balkan music delighted the crowds.

In sunshine and showers, visitors climbed up and down the castle terraces, admiring artist Emily Swann's parasoled witch and toadstools. Kerris Casey's white tissue paper and willow spectral trees glowed in the dark outside the busy 'Making Things' tent. It was a weekend where magic happened.

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Andy Puddicombe, author of new book *The Headspace Diet*, gives his top tips for figuring out a healthy eating and weight loss plan.

If you've succeeded in losing weight, only to see the weight creep back on again when the biscuits appear at work, you're not alone.

People think about food more than 200 times a day, according to Andy, and our thoughts are not always healthy ones; they are often tied up with emotions and anxiety about our body image.

"With more than 1.5 billion people in world considered obese, while 800 million go hungry every day, it's no wonder our attitude to food, and consequently the relationship we have with our body image, is often confused," says Puddicombe, a former

Buddhist monk, who's on a mission through his organisation *Headspace* to promote the health benefits of meditation.

He believes it's time to fundamentally

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Suddenly, the standard of dining, whether in pubs or restaurants, took a quantum leap forward.

The Vale has developed an enviable reputation for the quality of its dining in recent years, and among the most popular of the area's pubs is The Highwayman in Nurston on the outskirts of Rhoose.

I'd heard that the owner, Wayne Morgan, prided himself on his skills as a fish chef, so I was keen to select a 'sea dish'.

But before that, my wife and I had to select a starter each. The prices ranged from £2.95 to £4.75 and included homemade soup of the day, deep fried brie, New Zealand mussels, deep fried whitebait, spicy chicken wings, that hardy perennial the prawn cocktail, pan fried garlic mushrooms and a barbecue half rack of ribs.

I plumped for the brie, breaded and served with a spiced cranberry sauce at £2.95.

My wife was tempted by the mushrooms cooked in a creamy garlic sauce.

The brie had a light coating of golden breadcrumbs which were crispy while the melted cheese oozed with flavour.

My wife's mushrooms were large and succulent with lots of creamy garlic sauce. The dish was exceptional – and a fine

choice. For the main course, I was undecided between sea bass and the bream; the bream won because I hadn't had for a long time.

Some fish dishes can be bland, but this was moist and tasty, and melted in the mouth. It was served with potato rosties and crisp vegetables.

My wife claims to prefer light meals, but she broke her normal rules and selected the 10oz sirloin steak with a pepper sauce.

As she is so keen to remind me, the correct way to cook a steak is 'medium rare'. This produces a tender, juicy dish. Some people insist on 'well done' and then wonder why it is as tough as an old leather boot.

The dish was served with grilled tomatoes, onion rings and peas, and a side dish of home-made fries. She rated it the best steak she'd ever had. Praise indeed!

Although rather full, I found enough space for a dessert of home-made cherry bakewell cheesecake with cream. It was delicious and an excellent conclusion.

My wife enjoyed the chocolate fudge cake with cream, which oozed a warm chocolatey filling.

The three-course meal was excellent quality at around £18 each. The Highwayman offers a wide range of dishes, from chicken, pasta salads, kebabs, fish dishes and an extensive choice of steaks from the grill.

The staff are mindful of healthy food for children, and the children's menu consists of home-made dishes from local produce, and they make them low in salt and other additives. A children's meal is £4.50, which includes a free ice cream.

Wayne and his partner Katie Neville proved excellent hosts, provided high quality food and were very prompt in serving each course.

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OLYMPIC ATHLETES ARE GIVEN WARM WELCOME BY LOCAL SCHOOLCHILDREN

THE Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Team are basing themselves in the Vale as they prepare for the London 2012 Games, making them the obvious choice to be the second favourite team for locals to follow this summer.

The team flew into Wales last weekend and were given a warm welcome by local schoolchildren as they arrived at the Vale Resort in Hensol.

A group of excited year-six pupils from St Helen's Primary School in Barry had made flags and banners and treated the team to a special performance of an Olympic song and dance that they had prepared.

Some of the team's athletes, boxers, cyclists, sailors and swimmers were also given good luck cards by the children, and teacher Rebecca Benson said: "The children were really looking forward to this chance to meet the team and wish them all well for London 2012."

"During the last year, we have worked on a wide range of Olympic and Paralympic-themed activities in school, and we chose to focus on the Trinidad and Tobago team for a project, so this is a fantastic way to round off our year."

The 60-strong team are one of 21 countries that the Welsh Government has attracted to Wales for their pre-Games training camps. With the 2014 Commonwealth Games taking place in Glasgow, a conscious effort was made to target Commonwealth countries, with the intention of developing long-term relationships.

Annette Knott, the Trinidad and Tobago team's chef de mission, said: "This has been an excellent experience so far. From day one, everyone has gone out of their way to help us with lovely Welsh hospitality, and we were delighted to be given such a wonderful welcome from the children of St Helen's Primary School."

During their stay, the team is training at Cardiff's International Sports Stadium, and their track and field stars were on show at the stadium's 'Road to London' international athletics meeting which took place yesterday (Wednesday) evening.

Top Olympic medal prospects such as 100m sprinters Keston Bledman and Richard Thompson are part of the team, while other track and field stars include 400m runners Lalonde Gordon and Sparkle McKnight, as well as 400m hurdler Jehue Gordon.



Some of the members of the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic team with pupils from St Helen's Primary School in Barry.

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ABOVE: Triple jumper Ayanna Alexander meets the youngsters from St Helen's Primary School in Barry.

Mayor reviews the Cadets



ABOVE: The Mayor of Barry, Coun Les Sword is pictured at the open day for the Cadets of Barry Detachment on Sunday, July 15.

Sports-themed worship at Methodist Church

ON Sunday, July 15, there was a sports-themed church service at Saint David's Methodist Church, Winston Road, Barry.

The church was set out in a 'stadium' style with flags, sports equipment and other decorations. Some people dressed up in rugby, football and Olympic tops.

The Bible theme included the virtues of

teamwork, training, and talent - all God-given gifts important to us as well as athletes.

During the worship we had a demonstration by the Kanku-do Karate group who practice in our hall. The 5th Barry Brownies also showed us the games they play for fitness.

One of our church members also talked about her love of bowls. We even had an Olympic torch on display!

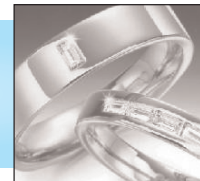
We did a 'Bible Bop', and enjoyed music ranging from the traditional to more active action 'praise' songs. We even had an Olympic torch on display!

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Walk down the aisle in style...
LISA HAYNES reveals how to be a fashion-forward bride, without blowing the budget.

Wedded bliss for Gavin and Lucy!



ABOVE: Gavin Potheary and Lucy Jones were married in Porthcawl recently and have made their home in Bridgend.
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You're looking for the right shape, the right shade and exactly the right amount of sparkles, feathers or flounce.

If in doubt, turn to the catwalks for inspiration. Bridal designers are seasons ahead of the aisle game, so you can tap into the fashion mood for your

upcoming nuptials. Check out the trends and find a wedding ensemble you'll be smitten with.

FABRICS TO FALL FOR:
Satin, silk, tulle, taffeta – the bridal options are endless but one fabric is sending everyone wild.

"For this season, it's lace, lace and more lace," explains Susi Rogol, editor of trade magazine Bridal Buyer.

This applies not only to full-on gowns a la Duchess of Cambridge, but as accents too. "Lace is being used in little sculpted shrugs to give a hint of cover-up through to strapless gowns and as detachable straps to complete top layers," says Rogol.

Meanwhile edgier brides are loving laser-cut fabrics to create surface texture and 3D effects, also achieved with swirls of ribbons or fabric forming an entire skirt of flowers or petals.

'BRIDING YOUR TIME'

If you're looking ahead to a wedding next year, look back in time for inspiration.

2013 will be a vintage year, according to Rogol. She said: "Vintage is the direction that every influ-

ential designer is taking, harking back to the 1930s and 1950s in particular.

"So, look out for slinky body-clinging dresses in slippery satins with clever fabric manipulation to form shape and accentuate curve on one hand, or boat necklines and ballerina lengths on the other."

Think Audrey Hepburn for inspiration, with 1950s hall-mark details such as nipped-in waists, bell skirts and crisp silhouettes.

Use your body as a guide to choosing a shape that will flatter as you saunter down the aisle.

There are two major silhouettes this season: curve-enhancing fishtails or retro ballgown styles.

Samantha Neville, founder of Mamfii Bridal, says: "Fishtail shapes accentuate the classic hour-glass figure and look fabulous in full lace, or very simply made in the finest silk duchess, where the beauty of the gown is all in the fabric and cut.

"Ballgowns are cut with a slightly lower waist, ensuring a flattering fit for all figures.

"Damask fabrics are making a comeback in classic shapes and are a beautiful choice for the fashion-forward

bride, as are softer fabrics such as tulle and chiffon but cut into a fuller shape."

BRIDE ON A BUDGET

Don't begin married life in debt, so you can wear a fairytale designer gown for less than 24 hours.

Elizabeth Catherine Myers, author of new book Pocket Wedding Planner, has these cost-cutting bridal shopping tips:

- Wait for the sales in wedding dress shops to try and pick up a bargain.

- Research the types of fabric that suit the style of dress you like. The type of fabric you choose could have a big impact on the overall price of your dress.

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ABOVE: Certificates for outstanding features went to Gileston Floral Boat and Wenvoe Community Orchard.

IT is especially significant that the Best Kept Village Competition in the Vale was instigated in 1953 in celebration of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2.

The magnificent silver gilt Cup was presented by DC Jones of Barry in that year, and each year the winning village receives it with a village sign, commissioned by the Vale Council, with a cheque.

In recent years, hospitality has been sponsored by Ffos Las Race Course.

Runners-up receive the Gwyn Thomas silver Cup.

Chief Judge, Roger Thomas, last year's High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, praised all competitors for a huge effort, especially in such

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a difficult, wet season, and found it hard to pick a winner.

However, his choice was Ystradowen, with joint runners-up two small but immaculate villages – Gileston and Michaelston-le-Pit.

Wenvoe came fourth and also obtained a special certificate for their new Community Orchard, as did Gileston for their unusual Flower Boat.

Basil Watkins, who has resigned as chairman after 14 years in the post, presented an album to contain photos of features in the competition. New chairman, Richard Skinner, thanked him for his work and also said: "Our thanks go to all our sponsors, without whom we would be unable to award prizes.

"These include the Vale of Glamorgan Council, town and community councils, CEMEX, Dyffryn Gardens and Ffos Las Race Course and conference Centre. These sponsors cover various aspects of the village and schools competitions (See *The GEM*, July 11).

"We emphasise that this is not a competition for the 'pretty' village, but for one which is well kept and cared for with community co-operation, and the marking system allows for big and small to compete on equal terms."

For information on next year's competition contact secretary Carole Alexander on 07751 372537, or: carle.alexander1@hotmail.co.uk.



RIGHT: Sharing a Cup – joint runners-up Gileston and Michaelston-le-Pit.



Former chairman, Basil Watkins, presents Richard Skinner with a photograph album.

Gabrielle designs a poster with a message



PCSO Rachel Ward, Roy Walsh from Barry Island Pleasure Park, Mauro Zeraschi from the Rock Shop and PCSO Wayne Chant with competition finalists.

Front row: Bethan Deakin, Demi McCafferty, Monique Heffernan, Gabrielle Goldthorpe (winner) and Rebecca Meadows.

POLICE have joined forces with young people and local businesses on Barry Island, in an operation to enforce a 'no alcohol' rule.

"Operation Weather sees neighbourhood officers taking a zero tolerance approach to anyone who comes to the area with the intention of causing problems or consuming alcohol in public over the summer period," a spokeswoman said.

Officers recently ran a competition when local school children were asked to design a 'no alcohol' poster for the Island, with prizes from local businesses, including Barry Island Pleasure Park, the Rock Shop and Big Dave's cafe.

This year's winning design was by 16-year-old Gabrielle Goldthorpe from St Richard Gwyn School, whose poster will now be seen across the resort throughout the summer.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

Mike works his Magic, but fails to completely enthrall

STEVEN SODERBERGH is a tricky customer to pin down – the director has moved from genre to genre with ease, and found himself as comfortable with big-budget, starry fare like the *Ocean's* franchise, as he has with independent films like *Bubble Boy* and *The Girlfriend Experience*.

His latest film sees him in the world of male strippers in *Magic Mike*. Channing Tatum plays the eponymous Mike, a male stripper who takes a young man by the name of Adam (Alex Pettyfer) under his wing in a club owned by the maverick Dallas (Matthew McConaughey).

However, as Adam rises through the ranks, Mike starts to yearn for a life away from fake tan and thongs...

When you have the likes of Tatum and McConaughey stripping down to their skimpies, then you can't help but



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feel that this is a film designed to appeal to the female audience only. After all, only the most ripped of men will feel anything approaching adequate when the stripping begins!

But with Soderbergh in the director's chair, you would expect there to be a degree of substance behind the frivolity, and you would be right.

However, the substance doesn't quite work, making *Magic Mike* an intriguing proposition (a reverse *Showgirls*, but far less campy).

The film was developed by Soderbergh along with Tatum (a former male stripper himself) about his experiences, and the direction matches the reality. Soderbergh's camera focuses on what goes on behind the scenes as much as on the stage in the club.

The glitziness of the stripping gives way to an underbelly which is forever clinging onto the right side of dubious, the lives of the characters being brought to life by Reid Carolyn's script, and Soderbergh zeroes in on the characters and their lives.

Certainly there is no shying away from the nature of their jobs. The dancing sequences sure to raise the heartbeats of females, and Soderbergh shoots with a gritty charm that lends the

sequences a realistic quality.

But while the pace is woozy, the script doesn't require it, and the predictable story arc of the characters mean that it feels a little long in places, the running time not benefiting from the drawn-out nature of the script.

Performance-wise, Tatum delivers a likeable turn as Mike, a man using his natural talents to try and create a better world for himself. He may deliver his performance with a slightly dull tone, but the actor sits well in the lead, and shifts gears with ease, showing a knack for the lighter stuff as well as the more dramatic elements.

Pettyfer is similarly well-cast, the actor looking the part but essaying the role of Adam well, highlighting the rise and subsequent fall.

The character's path may be a well-worn one, and Pettyfer's turn may not freshen it up, but it is a pleasing performance.

Star of the show, however, is Matthew McConaughey, who, having seemingly got the 'turgid rom-com' part of his career out the way, is starting to deliver some outstanding performances.

Following his turns in *The Lincoln Lawyer* and *Killer Joe*, this makes a hat-trick of excellent turns.

Sure, he is more or less playing himself (or certainly the persona of himself) but it is a turn that lights up the film where Tatum and Pettyfer don't quite manage it. He is by far the best thing on show here.

Cut away the shots of scantily-clad men dancing and *Magic Mike* does have a tale to tell. However, its inability to really capture the essence of that story means that it's a distraction of a film, a piece that will be remembered more for the dancing men than the nuances of the story.

A shame, as with the talent on board it could have easily achieved both.

VERDICT – Ostensibly a stripper film for women, *Magic Mike* tries to put substance underneath the frivolity but doesn't quite manage it. Instead, Matthew McConaughey steals the show from young pre-tendents Channing Tatum and Alex Pettyfer in a film that, when all is said and done, will be far more favourably looked back upon by females than males. Average.
SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Showgirls* (1995), *The Full Monty* (1997)

NEWS FROM THE HIVES AT FONMON...

The bad weather is putting hives' future at risk..!

WHAT can I say or report? The extremely variable weather is causing no end of strife to bees and beekeeper alike.

The temperatures are acceptable, it is the combination of wind and rain that is making this year very difficult for any insect, never mind the bees.

Because of the adverse conditions many beekeepers have to feed their colonies whilst hoping for a change in conditions, whereupon the bees can and will with some regularity proceed to pollinate the plants in their locale.

Hive business still goes on despite the bad weather. Queen bees are still laying, and consequently the population within the hive increases.

This means swarming can and has taken place, in fact at each brief clear spell Barbara Chick and I have received calls requesting the removal of swarms in and around the Vale and areas of Cardiff.

Not all have been successful; some have been ensconced in chimneys, some have gone into cavity walls, and as we all know if you cannot retrieve the Queen you will not get the swarm. They have been left to survive as best they can.

Another downside to this bad weather is the failure of new Queens to mate. When a swarm ensues from a hive it is the old Queen that departs,

taking with her many of the bees within the hive. She needs them to help her found a new colony. The beekeeper is left with a somewhat depleted hive but it is still viable, there are bees left, and before the others departed the provision of a new Queen was assured.

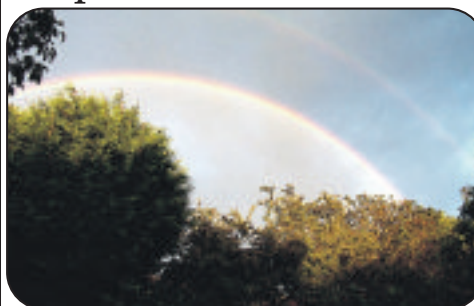
When this new young Queen emerges she must be mated so that she can take over the egg-laying duties of the old departed Queen and provide male and female bees to meet the colony's requirements.

The mating ritual is done externally and on the wing, and of course this bad weather is preventing any flying, and this means the new Queen is not going to get mated. She can still lay eggs, but not being a mated Queen any eggs she lays will only develop into drones (male bees), and as it is the ladies of the hive that do all of the work the colony is doomed and will eventually die out.

So this bout of bad weather is bringing about changes that do not bode well for bees and beekeepers at all. Will it ever be summer? We shall just have to wait and see.

Somebody said to me that a passage could be found within the bible that says "This too will pass". I hope this is going to be the case.

Flipside of all the rain!



As the summer continues to be a bit of a washout, GEM reader Anna Jones captured this photograph of a rainbow over Barry on Saturday, July 14. She said: "It's so typical of the summer weather we have been experiencing!"

NEWS IN AND OUT OF CLASS AT YSGOL GYFUN BRO MORGANNWG

Another successful foreign exchange visit for the pupils!



ABOVE: The pupils who travelled to Grünstadt, Germany had a "brilliant time".



The year-8 pupils in the UKMT Mathematical Challenge.

A WONDERFUL week was spent in Grünstadt and the surrounding area. The following are some of the comments left by pupils on their online blog from Germany: <http://sygmalmaen.blogspot.co.uk>.

A big hello from Germany! Today we arrived at Grünstadt an hour earlier than expected, where I was greeted by Carolin. I walked from Leiningergymnasium into Grünstadt and had my first 'spaghettici' experience - which was amazing! (Morwenna Osmond)

We all went to Mr Siebert's vineyard and we also walked around the beautiful local area, it was very interesting. It was hot outside and it was nice when we went inside for a drink. Mr Siebert's grape juice is very tasty. We were not able to drink the wine but we could smell it. (Elin Close)

I visited the holiday park in Hassloch. It was fantastic. I went on all of the big rides at least once. My favourite was 'G Force'. Then I danced in the fountains with my friends. That was very funny. (Mabon Evans)

We went to Heidelberg. Heidelberg is very pretty and the castle had amazing views. After we visited the castle we went shopping in the town. (Taegan Richards)

Today we visited the reptilium and that was brilliant! I saw a spider (tarantula), a snake, a

gecko and more. I even held a snake and it was really interesting. (Jordan Stavrakis)

Talent team
THE year-10 band and a soloist from year-9 were chosen to perform as part of the S4C programme 'Tim Talent' in the 'Tafwyl' shoe being held in Cardiff Castle's gardens on Saturday, June 23.

Members of the band are Harri Down (drums), Luke Perry (lead singer), James Hewitson (guitar) and Cameron Phillips (base). The soloist was Jodi Bird (singer and piano).

'Tim Talent' worked with the band and Jodi to create original material for their performances. We will be able to see their efforts on S4C in the autumn.

Techniquequest
IN the summer term, 130 pupils attended the 'Mathmagic' exhibition in Techniquequest.

They had fun taking part in interactive activities and our young mathematicians were praised for enthusiasm in a special lecture.

Year-8 UKMT challenge
Year-8 pupils have the opportunity to take part in the annual United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT)

Mathematical Challenge.

It is open to all schools throughout Britain and the standard is extremely high, with almost a quarter of a million participants.

We are pleased to note the success of the following pupils: Rhodri Davies, Caleb Darwin, Lois Aled and Angharad Hill won the bronze award, Terance James, Niamh Cooper and Belinda Wallace won the silver award. Charlotte Robinson (best in the year), Elen Dafydd and Brendan Scott won the gold award.

Elen and Charlotte's scores were so high that they were invited to take part in the 'Junior Math Olympics'.

Spelling bee
FRIDAY the 13th is not going to be an unlucky day for everyone as this was the day that Routes Cymru crowned this year's multilingual spelling bee champions.

The Routes into Languages Cymru Spelling Bee competition has been running throughout the year. Since September, year-7 pupils in schools across Wales have been mastering the art of speedy spelling in French, German, Spanish and Welsh.

They have been competing in class, school and regional competitions and now the 25 winners will join together, aiming to win the title of National Champions 2012.



Brenni and Beth after the south Wales regional spelling bee final.



Two of the pupils who impressed at the Mathmagic exhibition in Techniquequest.

Brenni Davies and Beth Humphreys from Ysgol Bro Morgannwg will be representing the school and south Wales in the French Spelling Bee.

The north Wales and south Wales regional finals took place in April and the standard was exceptionally high. For this national final, the pupils have been provided with the final 50 words, which brings the word list to a total of 200 words. These final stage words are Olympic-themed.

This spelling bee competition will take place in the National Library of Wales. It is being supported by the European Commission Office in Wales.

Welsh champions
A NUMBER of Ysgol Bro Morgannwg pupils represented Cardiff and the Vale at the Wales combined events competition in Newport recently.

The competitors were raring to go and were a credit to the school. Cardiff and the Vale

Middle Boys Team won the All Wales competition, and it just so happens that two boys from Ysgol Bro Morgannwg made up this victorious team; Harri Williams, who finished second individually, and Ieuan Orton, who finished third.

We would also like to congratulate Jacob Briscoe who finished sixth.

The boys had to compete in five multi-events: high jump, long jump, 85m hurdles, shot put and 800m. This is quite an achievement - congratulations Boys!

EMILY DENHAM

Cyflwyno cadair Eisteddfod Bro Morgannwg

Y CYFLWYNWYD Cadair Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Morgannwg i Bwyllgor Gwaith y Brifwyl mewn digwyddiad arbennig yn Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Y Barri.

Rhodri y Gadair eleni am ddilyniant o gerddi mewn cynghanedd gyflawn heb fod dros 250 llinell, a'r thema yw 'Llanw'. Y beirniaid yw Mererid Hopwood, Huw Meirion Edwards ac Ieuan Wyn.

Meddai Dylan Jones, Cadeirydd Pwyllgor Gwaith Eisteddfod 2012, "Mae derbyn y Gadair hon a'ninnau o fewn wythnosau i'r Brifwyl yn o uchafbwyntiau dros ddwy flynedd o waith i ddod a'r Eisteddfod Genedlaethol i Fro Morgannwg.

Rydwy'n eithriadol o falch i fod yma heddiw i derbyn y Gadair hardd hon gan y noddwyr eleni, a mawr yw ein diolch iddyn nhw a'r creffwr, Andrew Lane, am eu haelioni, eu hysbrydoliaeth a'u gwaith caled ar y Gadair.

"Efallai mai 'Llanw' oedd y thema eleni, ac efallai ein bod yn cyrraedd penllanw'r gwaith o baratoi ar gyfer yr Eisteddfod, ond ar gychwyn y mae'r dathliadau a'r Brifwyl ei hun. Gobeithio y cawn wythnos ardderchog yma ym Mro Morgannwg, y daw miloedd o'n cyd-Gymry atom i ddathlu diwylliant ein gwlad ac y byddwn hefyd yn croesawu miloedd o ymwelwyr newydd i'n mys yn ystod yr wythnos.

Mae'r Maes yn un hynod braf, a gobeithio y bydd llygaid Cymru ar y Maes, a'r Pafiliwn yn arbennig, ddydd Gwener 10 Awst, gan obeitio y bydd enillydd i Gadair Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Morgannwg."

Gwnaethpwyd y Gadair o bren yr onnen o ddyffryn Gwy, ac meddai'r creffwr, Andrew Lane o Sir Fynwy, "Mae hwn yn bren hylbyg iawn, sy'n caniatáu i mi ddechongli cynilrwydd symudiad. Yn debyg i farddoniaeth, daw llinellau o grefftwriaeth at ei gilydd i greu darn cyflawn.

Roeddwn yn ymwybodol bod gan y Gadair rôl seremonïol yn ystod wythnos yr Eisteddfod, ond y bydd hefyd yn ddodrefnyn yng nghartref y bardd buddugol. Rwy'n gobeithio y bydd fy ngwaith yn annog creffwyr Cymreig y dyfodol i ddatblygu syniadau newydd."

Mae'r cynllun yn gyfle i ddatblygu cyfundiad o dechnegau traddodiadol a modern, gan gynnwys crymu gan stem a lamineiddio. Mae llinell y Gadair yn llifo drwy'r cynllun, a dyma sy'n creu'r chrydfer adeiladol. Cywblhawyd yr arysgrif gan Rupert King.

Rhodri y Gadair a'r wobwr arian-ol eleni gan Gareth a Ruth Williams, Treoes, a ddaeth i fyw i Fro Morgannwg ddeng flynedd yn ôl ar ôl byw yn Llundain, Efrog Newydd a Dubai. Mae'r ddau yn ddisgynyddion i emynywyr nodedig o Gymru, Ruth yn perthyn i Elfed, a Gareth yn ddisgynydd i William Williams Pantycelyn.

Cynhelir Seremoni'r Cadeirio ddydd Gwener 10 Awst am 16.30. Dylai unrhyw un sy'n dymuno mynychu'r seremoni sicrhau bod ganddynt docyn sedd gadw gan y bydd y Pafiliwn yn orlawn ar gyfer y

Cadeirio. Gellir prynu tocynnau ymlaen llaw drwy ffonio 0845 4090 800, neu: www.eisteddfod.org.uk, neu gellir eu prynu ar y diwrnod yn y brif fynedd.

Hen faes awyr Llandw ger Y Bontfaen a Llanilltud Fawr yw cartref Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Morgannwg, a gynhelir o 4-11 Awst. Am ragor o wybodaeth ewch i'r wefan.

Eisteddfod chair presented to committee

THE Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod Chair was presented to the Executive Committee at a special event held at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Barry.

This year's chair is presented for a sequence of poems in strict metre (cynghanedd), not more than 250 lines, on the subject 'Llanw' (Tide).

The adjudicators are Mererid Hopwood, Huw Meirion Edwards and Ieuan Wyn.

Dylan Jones, chair of the 2012 Eisteddfod Executive Committee, said: "I am delighted to be here today to accept the chair on behalf of the Executive Committee. Accepting this Chair is the culmination of more than two years' preparatory work to bring the National Eisteddfod to the Vale of Glamorgan."

"Our thanks to Gareth and Ruth Williams, Treoes, for their generosity, and to the designer, Andrew Lane, for his inspiration and work on this year's Chair."

"The maes is in a great location, and we hope that the eyes of Wales will be on the pavilion in particular on Friday August 10, as we find out whether there will be a winner for this lovely chair in the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod."

The Chair is made of ash from the Wye Valley, and according to creator, Andrew Lane from Newcastle, Monmouthshire: "Ash is a pliable wood which allows the interpretation and subtleties of movement. As in poetry, connecting lines come together to form a whole piece, whether it is written or crafted."

"I was very aware that the chair is both ceremonial, but will also end up standing proudly in a poet's home. I hope it will also encourage future craftspeople in Wales to develop new ideas."

The design developed a combination of traditional and modern techniques including steam bending and laminating.

The line of the chair flows through the design, visually waning and waxing and providing structural strength with the seat, back and legs. The inscription was completed by Rupert King.

The chair and the financial prize are donated by Gareth and Ruth Williams, Treoes, who moved to the Vale 10 years ago after living in London, New York and Dubai. Both are descended from two great hymn

writers of Wales - Ruth from Elfed and Gareth from William Williams Pantycelyn.

The churning ceremony was held on Friday August 10 at 4.30pm. Anyone wishing to attend the ceremony should ensure that they have a reserved seat ticket as the pavilion will be very full.

Tickets can be purchased beforehand by ringing 0845 4090 800 or by going to: www.eisteddfod.org.uk, or they can be purchased on the day at the main entrance. GC

ARTS FESTIVAL EVENTS

BARRY Masonic Hall will host two events at the Barry Arts Festival, the first on Tuesday, July 31, featuring the vocal talents of Tim Reynolds and Suzannah Delaney.

The evening will begin with close-up magic by Simon Sparkles between 7pm-8pm, then compare and local funny guy Mark Thompson will introduce some top local entertainment, including boy/girl duo Rhys and Rowan, Pukka Perfection, and Tim and Suzannah.

On Thursday, August 2 the Cardiff band Amigos will play their unique

brand of gypsy, jazz and world music.

The festival wall-hanging continues to fire the imagination of the young and not so young, with pupils from Bryn Hafren joining in the celebration of Barry in textile and fabric squares.

The wall-hanging is now over seven feet tall and nearly six feet wide and will be displayed in Barry Library after the festival.

Tickets are £12 for 'Summer Songs', and £10 for Amigos. Tickets for all events are available from Gifted (01446 721339), Barry Eye Centre (01446 745606), JPL Sound (01446 722711) or www.porthceri.co.uk.

ALL SAINTS' SPECTACULAR TRANSPORTS THE AUDIENCE BACK TO ANCIENT GREEK GAMES



THE summer concert at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School was a spectacular show with a topical Olympic theme.

Entitled 'Go For Gold', it was a whole-school celebration of the Olympic Games through music and drama.

The story began with

a modern family discussing the Games, then, at intervals, they were transported back in time to Ancient Greece to witness a hilarious take on the origins of the Olympics, including how a champion, Milo, trained by lifting a cow every day!

The concert was enhanced by performances from the school orchestra, superb cos-

tumes provided by parents and stunning scenery painted by parent Mrs Hughes and teacher Mrs Evans.

The show ran over three packed performances and headteacher Richard Ware proudly thanked the children, music co-ordinator Alison Williams, teachers Sue Thomas and James Ball and other staff for a brilliant show.

It was a lovely way to celebrate the end of another busy year at All Saints school.

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Honorary president's guide on what to expect at Eisteddfod

THIS year's Eisteddfod's honorary president is Eyrn Ogwen Williams, a familiar face and voice in the media for many years.

And although the lad from Pennmachno spent his youth in Llay, near Mold, and graduated at Bangor University, Barry has been his home since the early 1970s, and it's there that he and his wife, Jenny, brought up the family. They still live on Barry Island.

We caught up with Eyrn during his busy preparations.

He said: "I'm looking forward to having the Eisteddfod on the doorstep! I was delighted when I heard it was coming to the Vale about two years ago.

"Since then, I've been part of the preparations, mostly as chair of the literature committee, and I have to say that I've loved every minute of it. "I hope that those competing will realise that we enjoyed putting the list of competitions together, and I very much hope that they'll also enjoy taking part.

"And 'enjoy' is such an important word when it comes to the

Eisteddfod, especially as we were putting the Literary Pavilion's programme together. It's not an unfriendly and stuffy place at all, but rather the centre for literary activities on a bustling and fun-filled Maes, and I hope the programme reflects this.

"I think the programme is full of highlights throughout the week – but I would say that as the chair of the committee, of course!

"I'm looking forward to the numerous sessions in the 12 noon slot every day, when Cennard Davies, Hedd Bleddyn, Aled Gwyn, and one of the Eisteddfod's best raconteurs, Emlyn Richards, will be entertaining us.

"And how about Welsh gangsters, literature and cricket and the Archdruid himself on the trail of Iolo Morganwg – with the ymryson every day a real highlight for many? Plenty to enjoy!

"I always enjoy the opportunity to discuss and analyse new subjects and information at the Eisteddfod, and as someone who's been involved in the media throughout my career, there's two lectures which I'm looking forward to attending.

"The first is held on Tuesday at the Studio at

3pm, when Rhodri Talfan Davies, head of the BBC here in Wales, discusses: 'Broadcasting in the digital age – challenge or opportunity?', and then, Thursday at 2pm in the Pagoda, I have the honour of chairing the Owen Edwards Memorial Lecture, when Ian Jones, chief executive of S4C, will outline his vision for the channel over the next few years.

"Two very interesting lectures, and I'm sure there'll be plenty of people blogging on their contents afterwards.

"And on the subject of blogging, I have to say that I'm pleased that the Eisteddfod, Hacio'r Iaith and The People's Collection Wales are working in partnership, so that this year, for the first time, we'll have a Welsh language technology festival on the Maes – a week of practical sessions offering help and support to anyone wishing to use technology in Welsh.

"I've seen the programme, and I'm sure it'll be a great asset to the Eisteddfod. There'll be a chance to blog on the Maes, as Cefnlen, which hosts the festival, will have its own wi-fi system.

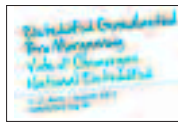
"I do enjoy Y Lle Celf, and this year's exhibition space is next to the Literary Pavilion, and we'll be organising some joint sessions. But, even more importantly, there'll be a very different pavilion close to Y Lle Celf – the

Architecture Pavilion – the work of architects, Coombs + Jones, winners of the competition to create a pavilion on the Maes.

"Architecture has always been an important part of the Eisteddfod. In 1926, the task was to design a Parliament House for Wales, and although the task in the Barry Eisteddfod of 1920, six years earlier, was slightly less ambitious (designing an Institute building), the link between the Eisteddfod and architecture in Wales has always been there.

"I think it would be impossible for me to finish without mentioning the Science and Technology Pavilion. A vitally important subject matter of course, and one which the Eisteddfod has been promoting for over 40 years, although it's difficult to imagine that we've ever had such an exciting main exhibition as this year.

"It's a partnership between the Eisteddfod, Swansea University and CERN, 'Discovering Particles'. And how timely this is, as we've recently been following



the vital research taking place in Geneva.

"Partnerships like these not only highlight the status the Eisteddfod gives to science and technology, but also the status the festival itself enjoys in the science world. This is the hot scientific topic of the moment, and we're working with the organisation at the centre of the research, creating a bilingual exhibition on the subject for our visitors this year."

And Eyrn has one last message for local and national visitors: "I know I've mentioned some of the week's highlights, but really, the whole Eisteddfod is a highlight in itself, not only for local people who've been hard at work for two years preparing and raising awareness and money, but also for the whole of Wales.

"This is the pinnacle of our cultural year, so come and join us in Llandow – a warm welcome awaits you!"

LLYWYDD yr Wyl eleni yw Eyrn Ogwen Williams, wyneb a llais cyfarwydd yn y cyfryngau ers blynyddoedd lawer.

Ac er i'r hogyn o Benmachno dreulio blynyddoedd ei lencyn-dod yng Nghoedllai ger Yr Wyddgrug, a graddio ym Mhrifysgol Bangor, Y Barri fu ei gartrefers dechrau'r 70au, ac yno y magodd ef a'i wraig, Jenny, y teulu. Maen nhw'n dal i fwr yn Ynys y Barri. Cawsom gyfle am sgwrs gydag Eyrn yng nghanol ei holl brysurdeb.

"Dwi'n edrych ymlaen i gael yr Eisteddfod ar steplen y drws. Roeddwn i wrth fy modd pan glywais i am bwriad i ddychgwelyd i'r Frio rhyw ddwy flynedd yn ôl.

"Ers hynny, rydw i wedi bod yn rhan o'r trefniadau, yn fyfwr penodol fel Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Llên, ac mae'n rhaid dweud mod i wedi cael modd i fyw.

"Dwi'n gobeithio bod y rheini sydd wedi cyttadu'n gweld ein bod ni wedi mwynhau creu'r testunau, a gobeithio'n arw eu bod hwythau wedi mwynhau cymryd rhan. A mwynhau oedd y gair pwsig wrth i ni greu anserlen ar gyfer y Babell Lân hefyd. Nid hen le sych a di-groeso yw'r Babell Lân, ond yn hytrach y ganolfan ar gyfer gweithgareddau

llenyddol ar Faes byrlymus a hwyliog, a dwi'n mawr obeithio bod y rhaglen yn adlewyrchu hynny.

"Fe fyddwn i'n dweud bod y rhaglen yn llawn o uchafbwyntiau trwy gydol yr wythnos – ond fe fyddwn i'n dweud hynny fel Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor, wrth gwrs! Rydw i'n edrych ymlaen at sesiynau Hiwmor y Brwydd, yn y slot 12o'g bob dydd, pan fydd Cennard Davies, Hedd Bleddyn, Aled Gwyn, ac un o'r ffeffrynau mawr y 'Stieddod, Emlyn Richards, yn ein diddanu.

A beth am gangsters Cymraeg, llenyddiaeth a chiced, a'r Archdruidrydd ei hun yn mynd ar drywydd Iolo Morganwg – a'r ymryson bob dydd yn goron ar y cyfan?

Digonedd i'w fywfhau. "Rydw i bob amser yn mwynhau'r cyfle i drafod a chnoi ci ar agweddau a gwybodaeth newydd yn yr Eisteddfod, ac fel un sydd wedi bod yn rhan o'r cyfryngau drwy gydol fy ngyrfa, mae'n dda i ddarlithio sydd wedi dal fy llydardd. Ddydd Mawrth yn y Stiwdio am 15o'g, bydd Rhodri Talfan Davies, pennaeth y BBC yma yng Nghymru, yn darlithio am 'Ddarlithu yn yr oes ddi-gidol – her neu gyfle?', ac yna, dyddlau am 14o'g yn y Pagoda, dwi'n cael y ffrainc o gadeirio Darlith Goffa Owen Edwards, pan fydd Ian Jones, prif weithredwr S4C yn amlinellu'i weledigaeth ar gyfer y sianel dros y blynyddoedd nesaf.

Dwy ddarlith hynod ddiddorol, ac rwy'n siwr y bydd 'na gryn dipyn o flogio ar ôl y ddwy ohonyn nhw.

"Ac wrth son am flogio, rhaid dweud mod i'n gyffrous iawn am y bartneriaeth sydd wedi datblygu rhwng yr Eisteddfod, Hacio'r Iaith a Chasgliad y Werin, ac eleni, am y tro cyntaf, bydd gennym ni wyl dechnoleg Gymraeg ar y Maes, a hynny ym Mhabell Cefnlen, sydd, fel mae'r enw yn ei awgrymu, y tu ôl i'r Babell Lân.

"Wythnos o sesiynau sy'n cynnig cymorth a chynghor i unrhyw un sy'n dymuno defnyddio technoleg yn y Gymraeg. Rydw i wedi cael cip ar yr anserlen, ac mae'r wyl hon yn sicr o fod yn gaffaeliad mawr i'r Eisteddfod eleni. Bydd 'na gyfle i flogio ar y Maes hefyd, gyda Cefnlen yn ganolfan ddi-wifr.

"Felly, fydd dim rhaid aros nes cyrraedd adref i gael dweud eich dweud, gallwch flogio, cynnig sylwadau a 'sgrifennu am eich profiad Eisteddfodol, heb orfod

gadael y Maes ei hun. Cyffrous tu hwnt.

"Mae'n rhaid dweud mod i'n mwynhau cael cyfle i grwydro Y Lle Celf, ac eleni, mae'r arddangosfa y drws nesa' i'r Babell Lân ac mi fydd yna ddigwyddiadau ar y cyd gyda ni. Yn bwysicach fyth, mi fydd 'na bafiliwn tra gwahanol y drws nesa' i'r Lle Celf – y Pafiliwn Pensaern aeth, ffrwyth llafur cwmni Coombs + Jones, a enillodd y gystadlaeth i greu Pafiliwn arbennig ar y Maes.

"Bu pensaern aeth yn rhan bwysig o'r Eisteddfod ers blynyddoedd lawer. Ym 1926, y dasg oedd cynllunio sennedd-dy i Gymru, ac er bod y gystadlaethau ychydig yn llai uchelgeistol yn Y Barri chwe mlynedd ynghynt – cynllunio adeilad 'Stiwt' – mae cysylltiad yr Eisteddfod d'r byd pensaern aeth yn hynod ddiddorol.

"Byddai'n amhosibl i mi orffen heb son am y pafiliwn gwyddoniaeth a thechnoleg. Maes hynod bwysig, wrth gwrs, a mae mae'r Eisteddfod wedi bod yn ei hyrwyddo ers dros ddeugain mlynedd erbyn hyn, er mae'n anodd credu ein bod ni erioed

"Dyma'r pwnc llosg gwyddonol ar hyn o bryd, a rydan ni'n cydweithio gyda'r sefydliad sy'n greiddiol i'r gwaith, yn creu arddangosfa ddwyieithog ar y pwnc. Ardderchog wir."

A chyn cloi, mae gan Eyrn un neges arall: "Gwn fy mod wedi son am rai o uchafbwyntiau'r wythnos, ond mewn gwirionedd, mae'r



Honorary president Eyrn Ogwen Williams.

wedi cael prif arddangosfa sydd mor gyffrous ag eleni.

"Partneriaeth rhwng yr Eisteddfod, Prifysgol Abertawe a CERN sy'n gyfrifol am yr arddangosfa sy'n edrych ar rym gronynnau. Ac am anserol, wrth i ni ystyried y gwaith ymchwil hollbwysig sy'n digwydd yng Ngenefa ar hyn o bryd. Mae partneriaethau fel hyn nid yn unig yn dangos y statws mae'r Eisteddfod yn ei roi i wyddoniaeth a thechnoleg, ond hefyd y statws sydd gan yr Eisteddfod ym myd gwyddoniaeth.

"Dyma'r pwnc llosg gwyddonol ar hyn o bryd, a rydan ni'n cydweithio gyda'r sefydliad sy'n greiddiol i'r gwaith, yn creu arddangosfa ddwyieithog ar y pwnc. Ardderchog wir."

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Welsh phrase of the week/Ymadrodd yr wythnos:

Ydych chi wedi gweld y pafiliwn pinc? (Udd-ich chee wedde guld uh pav-ill-ioon pink?), which means: 'Have you seen the pink pavilion?'

If you've driven between Llantwit Major and Llysyrnri you must have seen it!

SIONED EDWARDS

Pupils win top award for their school

RHWS Primary School has recently been awarded the Pupil Participation Kitemark – a prestigious award focusing on the seven elements of the 'National Children and Young People's Participation Standards'.

Successful completion of an initial self-assessment allows organisations to compare current practice with the children and young people's participation standards.

A team of five young inspectors, ranging from 14-16-year-olds, analysed the school's self-assessment report and created an action plan to inspect Rhws Primary over two half days.

These allowed the youngsters to use skills they had gained in training to effectively and critically inspect the school.

Some of the methods they used were; lesson observations, interviews with the school council,

completion of sticker books with the children, general discussions, interviewing staff, as well as looking at paper-based evidence.

The team was particularly impressed with the degree to which pupils at Rhws Primary are involved in decisions about their learning and by the excellent work of the school council.

Headteacher Louise Lynn said: "I would like to thank the team of young inspectors who did such a professional job when they visited the school."

The conclusion of the inspection was that: "Rhws Primary School is a successful, highly-achieving community with an excellent participatory ethos.

The school communicates very well with the pupils and their families whilst creating a friendly and welcoming environment for all."

Coun Chris Ellmore and members of the young people's inspection team presented the school with its award at a special assembly.

Barry girl's memorial day a great success!

A CHARITY day at the Windsor Hotel, Barry, in honour of a former Barry girl, raised £3,000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust last Saturday (July 14) and now the organisers hope to push that total further.

The Stacey Armstrong Memorial Day honoured the memory of the Barry girl who died of a brain tumour, aged just 20, two years ago.

There was live music and a barbecue, and raffles and auctions, with prizes including a



The barbecue kept the food coming for six hours.

signed Cardiff City FC shirt, a signed Wales Grand Slam rugby shirt, and also an Olympic boxing glove signed by all the members of the

TeamGB boxing squad. A spokesman for the event said: "We would like to give thanks to everyone who attended as the turnout was our biggest yet, in the three years that we have been doing the event."

"We are going to see if we can make it to £4,000 with a sponsored walk a week Saturday (July 28) with the town Mayor from Llantwit to Barry."

"We would like to give a special thank you to Neil, Elaine and Dean, who ran the barbecue between them for six hours. Also, to all the artists who came and performed."



Some of the items that were up for grabs through raffles and auctions to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

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Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Schools under-14 and under-16 Track and Field Cup final

THERE was disappointment for Vale pupils and secondary schools at the Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Schools under-14 and under-16 track and field Cup final as Cardiff schools claimed a clean sweep of the top placings, for the first time since 2008.

In 2009, Bro Morgannwg won both under-16 (years-9 and 10) sections with Llantwit tying with Cardiff High for the under-14 section, while Llantwit and Cowbridge won the under-16 girls and under-14 boys titles in 2010, with the Cowbridge boys retaining that section in 2011.

Cowbridge provided the highest placed team with the under-16 boys finishing second to Cardiff High. They finished 25 points behind defending title-holders Cardiff High (282). The Vale school badly missed Welsh Schools international George Griffiths, with the year-10 – a potential 30-plus individual points contributor, plus an invaluable member of the relay team – was ruled out with illness on the day of the event.

That second-placed finish means that the Cowbridge under-16 boys qualified to compete as the Cardiff and the Vale representative in the NASUWT Cymru Welsh Schools Plate competition at Brecon, which took place on Wednesday, July 11.

In the girls' competitions, Cowbridge led the under-16 section in the early stages before being passed by both Whitchurch and Cardiff High.

Bro Morgannwg was the only Vale school to qualify all four teams from the preliminary matches to the final, but they finished fifth of the eight finalists in all four sections. Cowbridge qualified three out of four teams – their under-14 boys missed out – while Barry took both of their teams through in the boys' competitions and Llantwit were through in both girls' competitions, and Stanwell, winners of the under-16 boys' title at the B final in 2011, qualified for the main final this year.

For the Cowbridge under-16 boys, four pupils – three from year-9 – gained the 18 points on offer for a win in the A section of the final. Welsh Schools combined events international Tom Trotman had a difficult time. The year-9 found that his 200 metres event was timetable at the same time that he was waiting to start his high jump competition – a timing that will also apply on July 11.

He won his A 200 metres in 24.7 seconds but it took it out of him so that, in the high jump, he could only clear a, by-his standards, disappointing 1.70 metres, which was only good enough to tie with Salim Malik (Cardiff High) for top spot in the A competition. Both pupils gained 17 points.

Alex Love will have gained confidence ahead of the Aviva Welsh Schools National track and field championships at Brecon on July 7 – when he represents Cardiff and the Vale district in the under-15 (years-8 and 9) 800 metres – by winning the event in 2:12.35, a time that shows that 2:10 is within his grasp.

Kristian Jones was the third year-9 to impress. Having started as a star cross-country runner in year-7, he now shows real talent at sprint hurdles and, once his performances reach the power of 10 rankings – and they are not there yet – he is likely to find himself in the leading boy 80 metres hurdles in Wales. He won that event in 12.09 seconds, a really encouraging time.

Last of the winners was year-10 Joe Gaughan. Two years ago, when he was in year-8, Joe was a double winner, at 300 metres and shot, but now he concentrates on the throw, an event in which he is scheduled to compete at Brecon on July 7, but in the older under-17 (years-10 and 11) age group.

Annabel Curle was the lead performer for the Cowbridge girls' under-16 team. The year-10 – a former South Wales Regional Schools under-13 cross-country champion – is making real progress in the high jump. She cleared a hugely encouraging 1.60 metres to win the A section but added a further 18 points by adding victory in the A 75 metres hurdles.

Llantwit had two A winners in the under-16 girls' competitions, both year-10 pupils. Regular district cross-country representative Erin Hayes won the 1,500 metres in 5:14.9, while experienced javelin thrower Danielle Dakin-West found a distance of 23.65 metres good enough to win her speciality with the 600 gram implement.

Erin has taken up a new event this summer – the 1,500 metres steeplechase – and it is in this event that she will compete in the Aviva Welsh Schools National on July 7.

In the under-14 competitions, year-8 Seren Allin was the only Cowbridge A winner, taking the A 800 metres in a time of 2:28.62, only slightly slower than her under-15 championships performance.

Bro Morgannwg will be encouraged by three wins in the throws – Owain Jenkins and Mabli Evans in the javelin and Ellie Jones in the shot – though, arguably, the school's finest individual performance was the fine second place from year-10 Dafydd George in the closely contested under-16 1,500 metres.

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Seren will also be on duty for the Cardiff and the Vale district – in the under-15 800 metres – at the Aviva Welsh Schools Nationals at Brecon next Saturday (July 7), with the competition – a full range of events for pupils at under-15 (years-8 and 9), under-17 (years-10 and 11) and under-20 (sixth form) – starting at 11.30 am and finishing just after 6pm.

All three Vale pupils who represented Welsh Schools at the Sainsbury's School Games 2012 at the Olympic Stadium in May – Tom Williams (Stanwell), Matthew Collins (Barry) and George Griffiths (Cowbridge), are due to compete for the district team at this fixture.

Following those national championships, Welsh Schools will select two teams – a small under-20 team (sixth form) to compete in the Cardiff International at Leckwith on the evening of Wednesday, July 18, plus the two pupils per individual event under-17 (years-10 and 11) team to compete at the SIAB Schools' international, which will be hosted by English Schools at Ashford in Kent on Saturday, July 21.

For the Cowbridge under-16 team, competition at the NASUWT Cymru Cup and Plate final will start at 12 noon on Wednesday, July 11, and end by 4.30pm.

Results of Vale pupils:

Under-16 Boys – Years 9 and 10:

Teams: 1 Cardiff High 282; 2 Cowbridge 257; 5 Bro Morgannwg 210; 6 Barry 209; 7 Stanwell 204.

100 A: ws 0.5: 4 Rhys Evans (Stan) 12.44; 5 Callum Mickelson (Barry) 12.70; 6 Garth Peake (Bro M) 12.80; 8 Joe Treharne (Cow) 13.11

100 B: ws -1.7 2 Luke Purnell (Barry) 12.65; 3 Brad Rosser (Cow) 12.66; 4 Jac Elias-Williams (Bro M) 12.83; 5 Kwabena Fordjour (Stan) 12.91

200 A: no ws 1 Tom Trotman (Cow) 24.7; 5 James Walsh (Bro M) 26.1; 6 Calvin McCann (Barry) 26.9; 7 Rhys Savoury (Stan) 27.1

200 B: ws 1.2 2 Harry Dowell-Bennett (Cow) 25.47; 4 Frank Peake (Bro M) 25.87; 5 Calum Hughes (Stan) 26.21; 8 Gabe Oram (Barry) 26.51

300 A: 5 Owen Young (Bro M) 41.79; 6 Matthew Lock (Cow) 41.87; 7 James Owens (Stan) 42.40; 8 Nico Wilson (Barry) 43.36

300 B: 4 Daniel Evans (Cow) 43.1; 6 Joel Thomas (Bro M) 44.2; 7 Elis Van Dyck (Stan) 44.5; 8 Ben Morgan (Barry) 44.9

800 A: 1 Alex Love (Cow) 2:12.35; 5 Tom Geen (Stan) 2:19.31; 6 Cameron Gibbon (Barry) 2:19.82

800 B: 2 Dan Ladner (Barry) 2:22.98; 3 Ellis Rosser (Cow) 2:23.62; 4 Zac Dyer (Stan) 2:27.51

1,500 A: 2 Dafydd George (Bro M) 4:18.46; 5 Gareth Hurman (Barry) 4:52.48; 7 David Flanagan (Stan) 5:04.49; 8 Ben Chester (Cow) 5:21.30

1,500 B: 3 George Kynaston (Stan) 5:09.19; 4 Chad Travis (Barry) 5:11.42; 5 Brandon Turner (Bro M) 5:12.28; 7 Harry Stubbington (Cow) 5:24.77

800 H: ws 0.9 1 Kristian Jones (Cow) 12.07; 3 James Neill (Bro M) 13.01; 6 Amin Ullah (Barry) 13.79; 8 Isaac Ridgley (Stan) 15.69

800 H: 2 Callum Tumilty (Barry) 13.06; 4 Alex Guard (Cow) 13.38; 5 Alan Evans (Bro M) 13.81; 6 Josh Lewis (Stan) 16.37

4 x 100: 4 Cowbridge 48.28; 6 Stanwell 48.86; 7 Barry 48.98; 8 Bro Morgannwg 48.99

HJ A: 1= Tom Trotman (Cow) 1.70; 6 Gareth Peake (Bro M) 1.50; 7 Andrew Young (Barry) 1.45

8 George Kynaston (Stan) 1.35

HJ B: 2 Declan Thomas (Cow) 1.50; 4 Matthew Broderick (Bro M) 1.40; 6= Zac Dyer (Stan) 1.30; 6= Scott Townsend (Barry) 1.30

LJ A: 4 James Neill (Bro M) 5.16; 6 Callum Mickelson (Barry) 5.05; 7 Kristian Jones (Cow) 5.05; 8 Elis Van Dyck (Stan) 4.75

LJ B: 2 James Walsh (Bro M) 5.00; 3 Joshua Thomas (Cow) 4.99; 4 Amin Ullah (Barry) 4.91; 7 Isaac Ridgley (Stan) 4.44

TJ A: 2 Luke Purnell (Barry) 10.89; 3 Rhys Evans (Stan) 10.87; 5 Gabriel Shires (Cow) 10.65; 7 Owen Young (Bro M) 10.49

TJ B: 1 Calum Hughes (Stan) 10.75; 4 Alex Guard (Cow) 10.44; 5 Alan Evans (Bro M) 10.30; 6 Callum Tumilty (Barry) 10.08

SP A(4kg): 1 Joe Gaughan (Cow) 13.22; 2 Clayton Thompson (Bro M) 11.10; 3 Rhys Forse (Barry) 10.84; 7 Matthew Holder (Stan) 9.83

SP B(4kg): 1 Richard Evans (Bro M) 10.43; 2 Aaron Bowman (Cow) 10.30; 4 Carter Brown (Barry) 9.69; 7 James Parker (Stan) 9.30

DT A(1.25kg): 2 Harry Dowell-Bennett (Cow) 29.23; 4 Emyr Byrne (Bro M) 28.00; 5 Nico Wilson (Barry) 27.04; 6 Cenzighan Ziyaeddin (Stan) 26.24

DT B(1.25kg): 2 Iestyn Bryan (Bro M) 25.58; 3 Spencer Ward-Henry (Stan) 25.22; 5 Craig Boxall (Cow) 24.56; 7 Calvin McCann (Barry) 20.29

JT A(600g): 3 Harry Stubbington (Cow) 38.45; 4 Cee-Jay Morgan (Stan) 33.19; 6 Matt Jones (Barry) 29.59; 7 Luke Swain (Bro M) 24.99

JT B(600g): 2 Joe Treharne (Cow) 30.55; 4 Rhys Savoury (Stan) 27.42; 7 Chad Travis (Barry) 13.06; Iwan Mephram (Bro M) NT.

Under-14 Boys, Years 7 and 8:



Annabel Curle (Cowbridge), heads for victory in the under-16 75m hurdles.

Teams: 1 Llanishen 275; 4 Bro Morgannwg 237; 8 Barry 199;

100 A: ws -1.1 2 Dafydd Smith (Bro M) 13.63; 4 Jake McNery (Barry) 13.85

100 B: ws -0.3 1 Adam Cullinane (Barry) 13.56; 7 Jac Gould (Bro M) 14.37

200 A: ws 0.4 5 Deri Leitch (Bro M) 27.8; 7 Lewis Gibbon (Barry) 28.9

200 B: ws 0.4 3 Callum Marshall (Bro M) 28.40; 6 Cameron Kilday (Barry) 29.07

300 A: 3 Ryan Adkins (Barry) 45.40; 7 Ben Brown (Bro M) 48.45

300 B: 4 Rhys Beynon (Bro M) 46.09; 5 Jessie Guy-Jones (Barry) 46.94

800 A: 6 Ieuan Rendell (Barry) 2:41.06; 8 Jac Evans (Bro M) 2:48.19

800 B: 6 Joseph Williams (Bro M) 2:49.70; 8 Josh Bell (Barry) 2:57.45

1,500 A: 7 Aled George (Bro M) 5:09.03; 8 Sonny Lambert (Barry) 6:01.79

1,500 B: 2 Rhys Davies (Bro M) 5:20.53; 8 Joseph Hewings (Barry) 6:04.96

750 H: ws 0.2 3 Charlie Peagram (Bro M) 13.35; 7 Tyrell Williams (Barry) 14.49

750 B: ws -1.1 6 Robert Boyt (Barry) 14.49; 7 Sam Allan-Davies (Bro M) 15.04

4 x 100: 5 Bro Morgannwg 53.80; 6 Barry 54.55

HJ A: 3 Robert Boyt (Barry) 1.35; 5 Rhys Davies (Bro M) 1.35

HJ B: 4 Cameron Kilday (Barry) 1.30; 6 Adam Palmer (Bro M) 1.25

LJ A: 3 Joseph Williams (Bro M) 4.65; 7 Jake McNery (Barry) 4.18

LJ B: 2 Charlie Peagram (Bro M) 4.29; 3 Jesse Guy-Jones (Barry) 4.07

TJ A: 1 Dafydd Smith (Bro M) 10.14; 7 Rhys Thomas (Barry) 8.53

TJ B: 2 Deri Leitch (Bro M) 9.60; 7 Tyrell Williams (Barry) 7.84

SP A(3.25kg): 2 Harry Roberts (Bro M) 10.40; 3 Aaron Rees-Thomas (Barry) 10.31

SP B(3.25kg): 6 Lewys Davies (Bro M) 6.89; 7 Lewis Gibbon (Barry) 6.82

DT A(1kg): 2 Aled George (Bro M) 24.57; 6 Tyler Ellis (Barry) 20.32

DT B(1kg): 4 Rhys Beynon (Bro M) 18.93; 6 Joe Bennett (Barry) 16.44

JT A(400g): 1 Owain Jenkins (Bro M) 37.04; 8 Josh Bell (Barry) 20.73

JT B(400g): 7 Ben Brown (Bro M) 16.91; 8 Adam Cullinane (Barry) 14.20

Under-16 Girls – Years 9 and 10:
Teams: 1 Whitchurch 220; 3 Cowbridge 205; 5 Bro Morgannwg 196; 8 Llantwit Major 153.5

100 A: ws 0.8 3 Tamara Pitt (Lwt) 14.20; 5 Evie Carter (Bro M) 14.21; 7 Ellie Eddy-Williams (Cow) 14.61

100 B: ws -0.5 3 Chelsea Siarak (Bro M) 14.61; 6 Sally Gambling (Cow) 15.17

200 A: ws -0.4 5 Isabelle Eddy-Williams (Cow) 29.20; 6 Millie Jones (Bro M) 29.33

200 B: ws 0.1 2 Brooke Langton-Cryer (Cow) 29.13; 7 Hanna Davies (Bro M) 35.38

800 A: 3 Rebecca Thomas (Cow) 2:50.46; 7 Megan Davies (Bro M) 3:13.43; 8 Ruth May (Lwt) 3:28.14

800 B: 2 Alice Tudor (Cow) 2:54.93; 6 Charlie Bowen (Bro M) 3:21.60

1,500 A: 1 Erin Hayes (Lwt) 5:14.9; 6 Nadine James (Cow) 5:46.2; 8 Ffion Davies (Bro M) 6:36.0

1,500 B: 5 Evie Williams (Cow) 6:33.5; 7 Kierney O'Dare (Lwt) 6:49.2; 8 Abby Evans (Bro M) 7:35.7

750 H: 1 Annabel Curle (Cow) 12.29; 2 Jessica Morgan (Bro M) 13.07; 6 Phoebe Nixon (Lwt) 14.85

750 B: 1 Lili Evans (Cow) 13.49; 4 Ffion Byrne (Bro M) 15.02; 6 Holly Howles (Lwt) 16.66

4 x 100: 3 Bro Morgannwg 56.09; 6 Cowbridge 56.79; 8 Llantwit 58.08

HJ A: 1 Annabel Curle (Cow) 1.60; 3= Tamara Pitt (Lwt) 1.35; 5 Jessica Morgan (Bro M) 1.35

HJ B: 1 Tilly Matthews (Bro M) 1.35; 3 Lili Evans (Cow) 1.25; 6 Catrin O'Toole (Lwt) 1.10

LJ A: 5 Chelsea Siarak (Bro M) 4.05; 6 Joanna



Dafydd George (Bro Morgannwg) battles it out with Rhys Gooch (Radyr) and John Cove (Cardiff High) in the under-16 boys' 1,500m.

Wilkins (Cow) 4.02; 7 Shanella Evans (Lwt) 3.98

LJ B: 2 Sarah Lewis (Cow) 3.83; 4 Phoebe Nixon (Lwt) 3.70; 5 Ffion Byrne (Bro M) 3.64

SP A(3.25kg): 2 Megan Hill (Bro M) 7.87; 3 Brooke Langton-Cryer (Cow) 7.36; 6 Ruth May (Lwt) 6.93

SP B(3.25kg): 3 Paige Williams (Cow) 6.91; 4 Manon Cooper (Bro M) 6.76; 5 Robyn Luke (Lwt) 6.17

DT A(1kg): 4 Charlotte Gabb (Bro M) 16.72; 5 Lydia Hitchings (Cow) 16.04; 7 Erin Hayes (Lwt) 14.79

DT B(1kg): 3 Katie Gunning (Bro M) 16.33; 6 Megan McNamee (Cow) 14.03; 7 Ellie May (Lwt) 13.61

JT A(600g): 1 Danielle Dakin-Weston (Lwt) 23.65; 2 Abby Evans (Bro M) 22.86; 8 Isabelle Eddy-Williams (Cow) 14.30

JT B(600g): 3 Kimberley Williams (Bro M) 15.77; 5 Emma Young (Lwt) 13.58; 6 Melissa Gray (Lwt) 13.31

Under-14 Girls – Years 7 and 8:

Teams: 1 Cardiff High 237.5; 5 Bro Morgannwg 187.5; Cowbridge 183.5; 7 Llantwit Major 170

100 A: ws -1.5 4 Sophie Doogue (Lwt) 14.64; 5 Lucia Hanlon (Bro M) 14.77; 8 Jemma Viney (Cow) 15.03

100 B: ws 0.9 2 Maya Bell (Cow) 14.52; 4 Rhian Jones (Bro M) 14.84; 5 Gwen Davies (Lwt) 14.95

200 A: ws -1.2 5 Bethan Swallow (Cow) 30.20; 7 Ffion Edwards (Lwt) 31.16; 8 Charlie Robbins (Bro M) 31.17

200 B: no ws 5 Alana Jones (Lwt) 30.7; 7 Nikitta Andrews (Bro M) 31.1; 8 Sophie Oddy (Cow) 33.7

800 A: 1 Seren Allin (Cow) 2:28.62; 6 Kelsea Peterson (Bro M) 2:48.31; 7 Emily Price (Lwt) 2:53.49

800 B: 1 Cerys Bradshaw (Cow) 2:46.13; 7 Megan Roberts (Bro M) 3:03.38; 8 Hannah Jones (Lwt) 3:05.43

1,500 A: 4 Genevieve Kirk (Cow) 5:44.18; 5 Georgia Drew (Lwt) 5:46.82; 8 Tesni Sewell (Bro M) 6:06.34

1,500 B: 5 Belinda Wallace (Bro M) 6:25.08; 6 Megan Roberts (Cow) 6:27.74; 7 Rachel Reilly (Lwt) 6:36.97

700 H: ws 0.1 5 Niamh Galton (Cow) 12.66; 6 Elen Dafydd (Bro M) 13.14; 7 Megan Brown (Lwt) 13.81

700 B: no ws 4 Megan Aspel (Lwt) 14.3; 5 Molly Price (Cow) 14.3; 6 Katie Chatwell (Bro M) 15.1

4 x 100: 4 Cowbridge 57.65; 7 Bro Morgannwg 58.59; 8 Llantwit Major 58.72

HJ A: 2 Niamh Galton (Cow) 1.35; 3 Megan Brown (Lwt) 1.30; 6= Chloe Jones (Bro M) 1.20

HJ B: 1 Megan Aspel (Lwt) 1.25; 2= Sashini Jayasinghe (Cow) 1.20; 4 Elen Dafydd (Bro M) 1.20

LJ A: 6 Georgia Drew (Lwt) 3.68; 7 Maya Bell (Cow) 3.58; 8 Nia Fenn (Bro M) 3.39

LJ B: 5 Gwen Davies (Lwt) 3.60; 6 Kelsea Peterson (Bro M) 3.31; 7 Jemma Viney (Cow) 3.16

SP A(2.72kg): 1 Ellie Jones (Bro M) 7.44; 6 Ffion Vickers (Cow) 6.49; 8 Nia Rees (Lwt) 5.31

SP B(2.72kg): 1 Emily Baker (Bro M) 6.55; 7 Nichole Jones (Lwt) 5.22; 8 Sophie Oddy (Cow) 3.87

DT A (0.75kg): 2 Rhian Jones (Bro M) 19.10; 4 Bethan Swallow (Cow) 16.28; 7 Cameron Locke (Lwt) 14.75

DT B (0.75kg): 5 Bethan James (Bro M) 13.38; 6 Genevieve Kirk (Cow) 13.03; 8 Alana Jones (Lwt) 10.80

JT A(400g): 1 Mabli Evans (Bro M) 18.36; 2 Alice Teague (Lwt) 15.28; 8 Mali Poulden (Cow) 11.86

JT B(400g): 1 Katie Chatwell (Bro M) 17.70; 5 Hannah Jones (Lwt) 10.56; 7 Sanant Emyr (Cow) 4.60.

Lady golfers dry weather

COTTRELL Park ladies were very lucky to get a dry evening for their nine-hole stableford golf competition on July 9 held on both courses.

The winner on the Mackintosh course was Wendy Bailey with 19 points; second, Angela Padfield, 18 points; and on the Button course, the

winner was Brenda Margetts with 20 points; second was Chris Evans with 18 points.

This was followed by an excellent barbecue.

Judy James, ladies' captain, presented the prizes, thanked every one for attending and was glad everyone had enjoyed themselves.

CB

Ladies and juniors shine at St Andrews!

THE ladies and juniors club championship took place on Saturday and Sunday, July 14-15.

Fortunately the rain held off and we had two days of very enjoyable

golf, but the sun did shine on four worthy winners, none more so than Rachel Hooper who, during the last few weeks has had a 'hole in one' in the ladies' open at the Rolls of Monmouth, finishing

second with her partner on the day, Jane Harris, and narrowly losing out for a top six finals place when Rachel and her partner, Deana Jukes, came seventh in the Australian Spoons Regional competition.

She then went on to win the president's putter at St. Andrews Major and topped it all off by winning the ladies' club championship on Sunday.

Not to be outdone, the lady vice captain, Denise Lloyd, produced some excellent, consistent golf to become the ladies' nett club champion, setting the standards for her captaincy next year.

The juniors at St. Andrews Major go from strength to strength and a good turnout not only produced some very impressive golf shots but their course etiquette put most of us seasoned golfers to shame.

Some of the credit for

this must go to Stephen Thomas, the club's junior organiser and John Hastings, the club's golf professional, both of whom have coached, encouraged and motivated the members of the Junior section to become one of, if not the fastest growing junior section in the area.

After two days of competitive but friendly golf, Harry Lewis maintained his form and on Sunday was rewarded with the coveted junior club championship trophy from the club captain, Neil Tipples.

Straight after the presentation Harry had to play at Dinas Powys G.C., where he has dual membership, in the men's club championships, and came third! Well done Harry.

Meanwhile, Callum Taylor, one of St. Andrews Major's most promising youngsters, played some excellent, controlled golf to

become a worthy winner of the juniors' nett club champion.

It's fair to say that all the juniors were winners on the day and the ladies and juniors made the most of the break from the persistent rain of recent weeks to have a thoroughly enjoyable two days of competitive golf.

This Saturday St. Andrews Major hosts the sponsors cup which was postponed from May due to bad weather and the following weekend sees the prestigious mens club championship.

Sunshine has been ordered for both weekends but with the ladies and juniors having set the standards, the men's club championship promises to be a competitive and exciting weekend.

JL

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (B4270 LLANTWIT MAJOR ROAD AND UNNAMED INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ROADS, LLANDOW) ONE WAY, NO RIGHT TURN, ROAD CLOSURE AND 30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2012

On the 19th July 2012 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

The Order will come into operation on Wednesday 1st August 2012 and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 1st August 2012 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle, with the exception of Coaches, Buses and Authorised Event Vehicles, to travel in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location The road which extends in a southwesterly direction from the junction at grid 295593 171746 to the entrance to the camping/caravan park at grid 295593 171379.

Reason In the interests of public safety during the Eisteddfod.

Duration From 9.00am on Wednesday 1st August 2012, until 5.00pm on Monday 13th August 2012.

SCHEDULE 3

2. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel in a south easterly direction in the location specified in Schedule 4.

SCHEDULE 4

Location Along the un-named road, that runs from the junction with the B4270 Llantwit Major Road at grid 296308 171472 to its junction at 295616 172147.

Reason In the interests of public safety during the Eisteddfod.

Duration From 9.00am on Wednesday 1st August 2012, until 5.00pm on Monday 13th August 2012.

SCHEDULE 5

3. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to turn right at the locations specified in schedule 6.

SCHEDULE 6

Location The right turn from the B4270 Llantwit Major Road into the access into Llandow Airfield at grid 296287 172030.

From the B4270 - Llantwit Major Road into the un-named road at grid 296381 171115.

From the B4270 - Llantwit Major Road into the industrial estate at grid 296308 171472.

Alt Route Diversions for all three No Right Turn Orders shall be along the B4267 Llantwit Major Road to the roundabout at the junction of the B4265

Llantwit Major By-pass then U Turning back along the road and turning left as required.

Reason In the interests of public safety during the Eisteddfod.

Duration From 9.00am on Wednesday 1st August 2012, until 5.00pm on Monday 13th August 2012.

SCHEDULE 7

4. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30mph in the location specified in schedule 8.

SCHEDULE 8

Location The B4270 Llantwit Major Road, between the B4265 Llantwit Major bypass in a generally northerly direction to its junction at Nash Corner at grid 296162 173211.

Reason In the interests of public safety during the Eisteddfod.

Duration From 9.00am on Wednesday 1st August 2012, until 5.00pm on Monday 13th August 2012.

Dated this 19th day of July 2012

M. E. Punter,
Director of Visible Services & Housing,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
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GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2012

AR GYFFER CREU SYSTEM UNFFORDD, GWAHARDD TRAFFIG RHAG TROI I'R DDE, CAU'R FFORDD A CHYFYNGU CYFLYMDRA I 30 M.Y.A. (DROS DRO) (FFORDD LLANILLTUD FAWR (B4270) A FFYRDD DIENW STAD DDIWYDIANNOL, LLAND...)

Ar 19 Gorffennaf 2012, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adran 14(1) Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984, a phob p_e_r galluogi arall, Orchymyn i'r diben cyffredinol a ddisgrifir yn yr Atodlenni isod.

Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar ddydd Mercher 1 Awst 2012, a chewch ei weld yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

Os hoffech ddadlau'n erbyn dilyswydd y Gorchymyn, neu'i ddarpariaethau am na chredwch fod gan y ddeddf uchod b_e_r i'w gweithredu, neu am y tybiwch eu bod yn methu â chydymffurfio â gofynion y ddeddf uchod, neu un o'i hoferynnau, bydd gennych chwe wythnos o 1 Awst 2012 i wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwnnw.

ATODLEN 1

1. Ni fydd neb yn gyrru nac yn achosi nac yn caniatáu i neb arall yrru cerbyd modur, ac eithrio Coets, Bws neu un o Gerbydau Awdurdodedig yr _yl, yn y manau a bennwyd yn Atodlen 2 isod

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad Y ffordd sy'n arwain i gyfeiriad y de orllewin o'r gyffordd ar gyfeirnod grid 295593 171746 wrth y fynedfa i'r maes gwerysllaf/carafannau ar gyfeirnod grid 295593 171379.

Reason Diogelu'r cyhoedd yn ystod yr Eisteddfod

Cyfnod O 9.00am ar ddydd Mercher 1 Awst 2012 tan 5.00pm ar ddydd Llun 13 Awst 2012.

ATODLEN 3

2. Ni fydd neb yn gyrru nac yn achosi nac yn caniatáu i neb arall yrru cerbyd modur i gyfeiriad y de ddwyrain yn y manau a bennwyd yn Atodlen 4.

ATODLEN 4

Lleoliad Ar hyd y ffordd ddienw sy'n rhedeg o'r gyffordd â Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr (B4270) ar gyfeirnod grid 296308 171472 i'r gyffordd ar gyfeirnod grid 295616 172147.

Rheswm Er mwyn diogelu'r cyhoedd yn ystod yr Eisteddfod.

Cyfnod O 9.00am ar ddydd Mercher 1 Awst 2012 tan 5.00pm ar ddydd Llun 13 Awst 2012

ATODLEN 5

3. Ni fydd unrhyw yrrwr yn troi i'r dde nac yn achosi nac yn caniatáu i unrhyw yrrwr arall droi i'r dde yn y manau a bennwyd yn Atodlen 6.

ATODLEN 6

Lleoliad Y troad i'r dde oddi ar Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr (B4270) i'r ffordd sy'n arwain i Faes Awyr Lland... ar gyfeirnod grid 296287 172030.

Y troad oddi ar Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr (B4270) i'r ffordd ddienw ar gyfeirnod grid 296381 171115

Y troad oddi ar Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr (B4270) i'r stad ddiwydiannol ar gyfeirnod grid 296308 171472.

Llwybr arall Er mwyn cydymffurfio â'r tri gorchymyn rhag troi i'r dde, bydd traffig yn cael ei ddargyfeirio ar hyd Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr (B4267) at y cylchfan sydd wrth y gyffordd â Ffordd Osgoi Llanilltud Fawr (B4265). Bydd yn gweud tro pedol yn y fan honno, ac yn dychwelyd ar hyd yr un ffordd, er mwyn gallu troi i'r chwith yn ôl yr angen.

Rheswm Er mwyn diogelu'r cyhoedd yn ystod yr Eisteddfod.

Cyfnod O 9.00am ar ddydd Mercher 1 Awst 2012 tan 5.00pm ar ddydd Llun 13 Awst 2012.

ATODLEN 7

4. Ni fydd neb yn gyrru nac yn achosi nac yn caniatáu i neb arall yrru cerbyd modur yn gyflymach na 30 milltir yr awr yn y manau a bennwyd yn Atodlen 8.

SCHEDULE 8

Location Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr (B4270) rhwng ffordd osgoi Llanilltud Fawr (B4265) a'r gyffordd â Nash Corner ar gyfeirnod grid 296162 173211 gan dei thio'n fras i gyfeiriad y gogledd.

Rheswm Er mwyn diogelu'r cyhoedd yn ystod yr Eisteddfod.

Cyfnod O 9.00am ar ddydd Mercher 1 Awst 2012 tan 5.00pm ar ddydd Llun 13 Awst 2012.

Dyddiedig 19 Gorffennaf 2012

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau
Gwladwy a Thai,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenvoe. CF5 6AA



New girls' football club in the Vale

A NEW football club for girls has launched in the Vale and is hoping to benefit from an Olympic-inspired boom in the sport this summer.

The Vale Ladies and Girls Football Club has been set up thanks to a £1,500 Community Chest scheme grant, and the club is keen to attract girls aged seven-16 to get involved in football.

The Barry-based Vale Ladies and Girls FC are the county's only football club that is specifically for girls and they will be entering teams into the South Wales Girls' League.

Since receiving Community Chest funding, the club has been really pro-active in developing links with local schools, visiting them to offer taster sessions, and were also involved in a recent girls' football festival for primary school pupils.

Coach Luke Williams

said: "We wanted to create the first girls-only club in the Vale as we believe there is huge potential for girls' football to grow. We have already seen that there are a lot of talented girls in Vale schools who would enjoy playing regularly. During the summer term we have visited 16 schools in the Vale offering taster sessions to over 300 girls."

The Community Chest scheme is run locally by the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Sports and Play Development Team and agreed by a panel of

volunteers with support from Sport Wales. The scheme has now been running for over a decade and recently awarded its 1,000 grant.

To find out more about the Vale Ladies and Girls FC please call Luke Williams on 07832 273688 or visit www.valegirlsfc.co.uk.

You can also keep up to date with club news by following @ValeGirlsFC on Twitter or on Facebook fan page: www.facebook.com/vale-girlsfc

LW

Bombettes get bragging rights

On Saturday, Barry Bombettes played the 'Randoms' in a charity match for their 125th year anniversary celebrations.

The match kicked off with the Randoms'

humpty dumpty haka! A great comedy moment which set the mood for the match.

A lucky break saw the Randoms score the first try of the match, which was successfully converted. They scored again but the Bombettes scored two successive tries, both converted, to even the scores.

The final quarter saw the Bombettes fitness give them the advantage and they secured the win, final score 43 - 33.

A big thank you must go to Lee Jones who organised the event, all the players for the Randoms and the Bombettes, Carol Jones, club steward, for her enthusiasm, Barry and Louise Dyer for the barbecue and all the girls who baked cakes to sell.

Any ladies interested in playing rugby are always welcome at Barry RFC.

The ladies train on a Monday and Thursday Evening from 7pm. For more information contact Beckie on 07528933227; alternatively email us at barryladiesrfc@hotmail.co.uk.

RB

Chris proves 'Super Senior'

THE third Super Senior Competition at Cottrell Park Golf Club held on July 2 was won by Chris Stanlake.

The competition is open to all male members of the club who are 70 years of age or older.

The rain, which lashed down from start to finish, did not deter the 21 truly 'super' seniors. Common sense prevailed and the competition was shortened to nine holes.

Chris's winning score was 16 points. Three players each scored 15 points with Iain Ross

(last year's champion) in second place, Tony Johns in third and Terry Ankin in fourth.

The trophy has been donated by John McGlyne and is competed for annually.

Speaking at the post-competition meal, he expressed pleasure with the number of people who participated, especially in the very poor weather.

In the evening, the competitors re-assembled in the clubhouse, suitably dried out, for a convivial meal and prize presentation.

JM

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**Teifi Drive, Cwm Talwg, Barry - £139,995**

Well presented two bedroom semi detached situated on sought after Cwm Talwg development • lounge • kitchen/breakfast room • newly installed modern white bathroom • upvc double glazing • generous enclosed rear garden • driveway

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Traditional three bedroom terrace backing onto Portherry woodlands • lounge through dining room • modern fitted kitchen with built in cooker • conservatory • generous size first floor bathroom • upvc double glazing • Romilly primary catchment area

**Greenacres, Barry - £144,950**

Well presented three bedroom semi detached property • cul-de-sac location • lounge • dining room • modern fitted kitchen & bathroom • loft room • upvc double glazing • enclosed rear garden • driveway for two vehicles

**Ty Gambig, Clos Yr Wylan, Nells Point, Barry Island - £145,950**

Three bedroom ground floor apartment situated on the popular Nell's Point development with partial sea views • lounge/dining room with French doors opening on to terrace • fitted kitchen with integral appliances

**Wye Close, Cwm Talwg, Barry - £149,950**

Two bedroom semi detached bungalow situated in a cul de sac location set on the popular Cwm Talwg development • lounge • fitted kitchen • upvc double glazing • gardens to front & rear • driveway for two vehicles

**Hoel Eryr Mor, Nells Point, Barry Island - £167,500**

Three bedroom detached property • lounge • kitchen/dining room • downstairs wc • family bathroom & ensuite • upvc double glazing • enclosed rear garden • no chain

**Blenheim Close, Barry - £179,950**

Extended three bedroom semi detached set on the desirable Highlight Park development in the north of Barry • lounge • dining room • conservatory • fitted kitchen/breakfast room • upvc double glazing • garage & driveway • enclosed rear garden

**Hinchliff Avenue, North Barry - £189,950**

Extended 4 bedroom semi detached • lounge & family room/dining room • fitted kitchen & utility/rear lobby area • downstairs shower room • large family bathroom • ensuite & dressing room to master bedroom • upvc double glazing • front & rear gardens

**Gilbert Lane, Barry - £199,950**

Four bedroom detached residence situated in a cul de sac location on the popular Pencoeudre village • lounge through dining room • kitchen/breakfast room • utility room & downstairs wc • bathroom & ensuite to master bedroom • upvc double glazing

**Eckley Road, Sully - £199,950**

Two bedroom detached bungalow situated on a modern development in the highly sought after Sully area • lounge • conservatory/summer room • shower room & separate wc • upvc double glazing • low maintenance front & rear gardens

**Millwood Rise, Barry - £209,950**

Semi detached property set on a large corner plot situated in the sought after West End of Barry • lounge through dining room • fitted kitchen • conservatory • 3 double bedrooms • downstairs wc & family bathroom • upvc double glazing • driveway & garage

**Clos Y Wylan, Nells Point, Barry Island - £209,950**

3 bedroom semi detached with panoramic views across Jackson's Bay, Bristol Channel & Somerset coastline • lounge • kitchen/breakfast room • conservatory • downstairs wc, family bathroom & two ensuite shower rooms • upvc double glazing

**Colcot Road, Barry - £209,950**

4 bedroom semi detached property • 3 reception rooms • summer room • fitted kitchen & utility room • family bathroom & separate wc • upvc double glazing • gardens to front, side & rear • detached garage and driveway • no chain

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**Cambourne Close, Highlight Park, Barry - £224,500**

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**Lakin Drive, Highlight Park, Barry - £224,500**

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**Rheidol Drive, Cwm Talwg, Barry - £234,950**

Well presented 3 bedroom detached true bungalow situated in a cul de sac location on popular Cwm Talwg, West End of Barry • 20'10" lounge/dining room • fitted kitchen • bathroom & separate additional wc • upvc double glazing • garage with electric roller door

**Leys House, Pencoeudre Road - £239,950**

Rare opportunity to acquire a detached 3 double bedroom cottage built in 1899, set on a large plot in the east end of Barry • 3 reception rooms • kitchen/breakfast room • downstairs wc • upvc double glazing • off road parking

**St Llythans Road, Barry - £239,950**

Newly renovated, well presented 3 bedroom semi detached bungalow • lounge and family room • conservatory/dining room • newly installed kitchen, shower room & ensuite bathroom • upvc double glazing • driveway and off road parking • single garage

**Caer Ffynnon, Barry - £249,950**

Individually designed detached residence offering versatile accommodation • self contained unit ideal as granny annexe • 2 fitted kitchens • 2 bathrooms • front, side & rear gardens • off road parking • walking distance of The Knap gardens, Pebble Beach

**Bron Awelon, Barry - £259,950**

Extended & refurbished 4 bedroom semi detached property • lounge • dining room • kitchen/breakfast room • utility room/downstairs wc • bathroom & ensuite to master bedroom • enclosed rear garden off road parking • garage/workshop

**Orchard Crescent, Barry - £279,950**

4 bedroom semi detached set on a corner plot • 2 reception rooms • modern kitchen/breakfast room • bathroom & shower room • downstairs wc • upvc double glazing • good size rear garden • off road parking • garage

**Nant Talwg Way, Barry - £319,950**

Well presented spacious 4 bedroom detached residence with panoramic views • set in cul de sac location • 2 reception rooms • conservatory • kitchen/breakfast room • utility room and downstairs wc • upvc double glazing • driveway & double garage

**Romilly Park Road, Barry - £329,995**

4 bedroom detached residence situated in sought after location of Romilly Park • lounge • dining room • fitted kitchen • large conservatory • upvc double glazing • would benefit from some updating • views across Romilly Park field and wooded area

**Porth Y Castell, Barry - £559,950**





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Family Notices

NEEDHAM Ewart John

Died peacefully on July 13th, aged 71. Much loved husband of Jill James, brother of David and son-in-law of Louise.

Ewart will be much missed by family, friends and many colleagues in the broadcasting industry where he was an award winning film cameraman and television executive.

Funeral Saturday July 28th, 10.00am, Coychurch Crematorium, Coychurch, Bridgend, Wales, CF35 6AB. Flowers or donations payable to Sandville Self Help Centre c/o JR and MF David, Funeral Directors, St Brides Major, Vale of Glamorgan, Wales. Jill would like to thank the doctors and nursing staff at Y Bwthyn Newydd Hospital in Bridgend, Wales for their constant care and compassion.

CROWLEY Pauline Mary

Peacefully on July 15, at Brocastle Manor Care Home, Pauline of Llantwit Major, beloved wife of the late Henry (Pat), dearly loved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Thursday July 26, service and cremation 2.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o J James, 11 Fommon Road, Rhooose, CF62 3DZ.

JENKINS Neil Cyril

Suddenly at home on July 10, 2012, aged 61 years. Neil, beloved husband and best friend of Kath. Devoted father of Alex, Daniel and Thomas, and proud father-in-law of Jo, Natasha and Adeline. Loving granpa of Bethan, Sam, Amy, Ffion and Sophie. He will be greatly missed.

Funeral service to be held in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, on Tuesday July 24 at 2.00pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 3.15pm.

Family flowers only, but donations in lieu, would be appreciated for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Donations and any enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys CF64 4DE. Tel: (029) 2051 4627.

BUCKLAND Raymond James

Passed away peacefully on the 9th July 2012 at the Princess of Wales Bridgend, Ray of Llantwit Major. Loving husband of 62 years to Lily.

Resting at WA Brown & Son, Pembroke House, Llantwit Major until the funeral service in Coychurch Crematorium on Monday 23rd July 2012 at 11.30 a.m.

Family flowers only, but donations may be made to either P.D.S.A or Age Concern Llantwit Major c/o the Funeral Director (cheques only please).

HARTLAND Cecil Edward

Peacefully on July 11 at UHW, Cardiff, Cecil of Rhooose, beloved husband of the late Mary, dearly loved father of John, Catherine and the late Janet, much loved father-in-law and grandfather.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon.

Funeral Wednesday, July 25, service 1.30pm at St Peters Church, Rhooose followed by interment in Porthkerry Cemetery. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to Arthritis Research c/o J James, 11 Fommon Road, Rhooose, CF62 3DZ.

HARTLAND Cecil Edward

You have left a void in our lives which will never be filled. Your smile lit up our lives and every room you entered. You will live on in our hearts forever.

Be at peace now Grampa with Nanna and mum.

Love always Hans, Christian, Joanne and Stephen xxx

HARTLAND Cecil Edward

Dad, you were not just my father but my best friend and protector; I hope you are now at peace. You were one of the nicest people you could meet and one of the real gentlemen.

We will miss you forever, all our love, Catherine and Andrew xxxx

EDMONDS Thomas

Peacefully on June 29, in hospital, Thomas of Leoline Close, Cowbridge.

Beloved husband of the late Patricia, loving father of Tony, Andrew and Tina, a respected father-in-law and much-loved grandad of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral on Friday July 20, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.15pm. Flowers and enquiries to WH Preene and Son, Cardiff Road, Mwyndy, Pontyclun CF72 8PN. Tel 01443 223368.

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Joan Irene (Nee Lambert)

Peacefully on July 7 at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Joan of St Athan, loving mother of John, Anne, Robert and Alan, mother-in-law of Judy and Jayne, much loved grandmother of Matthew and Eleanor, dearly loved sister of Violet, much adored aunt of her nieces and nephew. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Monday July 23, service 2pm at St Athan Church followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.15pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to Ty Hafan Childrens Hospice Wales c/o J James, 11 Fommon Road, Rhooose, CF62 3DZ.

BREWER Blodwen (Nee Tilk)

(Betty)

Peacefully on July 17 at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry surrounded by her loving family, Betty, formerly of New Mill Farm Monkknash and Moorlands Heights, Pontypridd. Beloved wife of the late Trevor, dear mam of Jane and Simon. A proud nan, a loving sister and special auntie Bet. Betty will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

Resting at her daughter's home until family prayers on Wednesday, July 25, followed by a service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park at 1.30pm where friends please meet.

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Mini Olympics fun at Jenner Park



PRIMARY schools in Barry have been getting in the mood for the London 2012 Games by taking part in a mini-Olympics day at Jenner Park Stadium.

Fourteen schools took to the track and field for a day packed full of traditional Olympic activities such as cycling, javelin, hurdles and relay races, as well as classic sports day activities including sack races, tug-of-war and even space-hopper races!

More than 200 children took part, and they were split up into representing five countries – Great Britain, USA, Brazil, Japan and Australia to add a fun competitive element.

The day was organised by the 'Active Barry Council', which is made up of a group of teachers and the Vale Council's Active Young People Co-ordinator Ben Williams, who all work together to increase children's participation in physical exercise.

Lead organiser Gareth MacPherson, from High Street Primary School, said: "The event was a great success."

"Children of all abilities were able to participate and enjoy the event which created a wonderful community spirit amongst the children of many schools."



Brynhill golfers enjoy festival week



Anne Phillips and Sam Pascoe, part of the women's Texas scramble-winning team, with lady captain Jo Kirkpatrick.



Winners of the men's Texas scramble.

DESPITE being the wettest June on record, the gods looked favourably on the members of Brynhill Golf Club for their festival week competitions.

On Wednesday, June 27, the members ventured on a nine-hole cross country course which taxed their brains as well as their golfing prowess.

The gentleman's winner was Mr Jeremy Neale and the ladies' winner Mrs Jane Phillips.

On the Thursday the ladies held a four club competition which was won by Jo Kirkpatrick (ladies' captain), Hilary West, Rose Pitman and Audrey Phillips.

The men held a singles stableford competition which was won by immediate past captain Mr Stephen Jones.

On the Saturday the members entered the ever popular Texas scramble which produced many variations of teams and scores.

The winning ladies' team was Ann Phillips, Sam Pascoe, Carole Allen and Sheila

Williams; the winning men's team was Mike Moore (vice captain), Matthew Thomas, Carl Williams and Kevin Williams. All prizes were presented on Saturday night in the clubhouse by the club captain Glenn Taylor and the ladies' captain Mrs Jo Kirkpatrick.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of the

Saturday evening was that the winner of the men's chipping competition, Mr John Giles, and the men's Texas scramble winning team, donated their winnings to the lady captain's charity – Marie Curie in Penarth.

Congratulations to all who entered into the festival week spirit. **DW**

Dinas to hold championship

DINAS POWYS Bowling Club will play host to bowlers from all over Wales when they hold the Men's Open Singles Championship of Wales 2012, which runs from August 19 to 27 – the last date for entries is August 3.

Anyone wishing to enter should email welshopen@dinaspowys-bowlingclub.com and the

public are welcome with refreshments available.

This is a good opportunity for people of all ages and both genders, who are thinking of taking up the game of bowls, to see bowling as practiced by the best in the land.

Play will commence at 9 am on the Sunday and continue all day till 8pm.

During the week play will commence at 5pm and finish at 8pm. **PH**

Another brick in Barry RFC's wall

You may think that Barry RFC have arranged a match against Pink Floyd from the headline but you would be wrong.

We are however creating an engraved brick wall as part of our 125th anniversary. The wall will be located in the new lounge bar currently under construction.

Our aim is to offer members, past and present, the opportunity to have a permanent record of their link to the club which will provide us with a history that reflects the 125 years of the club's existence.

All current members have received details of this exciting offer, and early

response has been good. However, we are aware that many past players and members will be interested in this project and we want to ensure they have the opportunity too.

We are also keen to place on record those past members, sadly no longer with us, but who have links to the club.

If you would like to receive details of this unique scheme, just email your address to andyjam68@yahoo.co.uk and information will be sent by return.

The first of our special games for the anniversary season will be on Saturday, August 4 when we entertain Cardiff R.F.C. at the Reservoir Field, kick off 2.30pm. **AJ**

Rhoose bowls

IN the past few weeks the men's team at Rhoose Bowling Club has enjoyed some notable successes.

On June 6 they beat Murch by 84 shots to 58 in their Munro Cup match.

Then in their first C.D.M.L match on Saturday, June 9 in a hard fought game against Ystrad Mnach they won on 2 rinks and their overall score was Rhoose 78, Ystrad 69 1/2.

On Saturday, June 16 the team lost heavily in an away game against Belle Vue; only Paul Williams' rink was successful. Dinas Powys were

Rhoose's next Munro Cup opponents on June 20. In a very low scoring match Rhoose won on two rinks and drew on the third. The final shot count was 62-57 in Rhoose's favour.

A home match against Rumney Buccaneers was Rhoose's next C.D.M.L game. Rumney were forced to play with three players on all 4 rinks allowing Rhoose to win by 104 shots to 28 3/4.

The final Munro Cup match in June saw Rhoose facing a strong team from Penarth Windsor. Rhoose only managed to win on the rink skipped by Ron Ball and lost by 95 shots to 40.

Vale Thirds get into gear

AS the rain reluctantly and some weak sunshine shone through, Vale Thirds made only their second appearance of the season following eight cancelled matches!

Following the rain of Friday and Saturday the wicket was damp and the toss was an important one to win.

However, new Vale skipper Huw Morris lost the toss and not unsurprisingly Vale were asked to bat.

Despite the damp conditions Vale started well and put on 35 for the first wicket before Mike Barnett was caught

behind for 12. Vale had put some youngsters up the order to give them some opportunity and the second one to go also caught was John Harvey for 5.

Another catch behind saw Martin Scott one of the senior players depart for 28. Another youngster Jack Davies was bowled for 6, the fall of this wicket seeing Vale slump from 35-0 to 52-4.

Two more senior players Duncan Jones and Mark Francis put on 44 before Jones was caught for 11. The skipper and Francis then put on 29 before Francis played on having a put together a well made 43.

Two more youngsters departed within the next

20 runs as Tom Morgan was caught for 2 and Aaron James bowled for 4. Vale hoped skipper Morris would stay to the end to post as big a total as possible but in the 37th over looking to pull over mid wicket he skied a catch which was well taken.

Morris had made a useful 25 but it was now a question of whether Vale would bat out their overs with another two youngsters at the crease.

However, not only did Lucy Johnson and Adam Jones bat out the overs they added a very useful partnership of 14 to take the Vale total to 163-9 off 40 overs. Given the conditions this looked a very competitive total.

Barnett and James opened the Vale attack and bowled steadily before Barnett broke down with a knee injury in his 4th over.

He was replaced with another youngster Adam Jones. At the other end James finished an economical spell by picking up the first wicket as he hit the timber. However, Barry were starting to progress well and the skipper decided to try and introduce some experience to the attack to pick up some wickets.

He introduced his seam bowling and Martin Scott's off spin. These two only conceded 36 runs in the next 16 overs with Scott picking up 2 wickets with firstly, young Jack Davies engi-

neering a stumping and secondly getting an lbw decision.

With the game now evenly balanced Morris decided to go with youth in the shape of Lucy Johnson at the Bridgend end and less youthful Mark Francis from the pavilion end. These two did a fine job for the skipper as Johnson picked up 4-23 thanks to some fine catching from Scott and Morris and then hitting the stumps of her brother's look a like.

At the other end Francis removed the dangerous Ashley Baker for 28 with an inswinger and thanks to an outstanding catch by Barnett at gully picked up his second wicket. Barry were finally bowled out in the last over for 142 leaving Vale winners by 21 runs.

The Vale bowling figures were: Mike Barnett 3.1-0-14-0, Aaron James 5-2-12-1, Adam Jones 2.5-0-16-0, Tom Morgan 1-0-9-0, Martin Scott 8-1-19-2, Huw Morris 8-2-17-0, Mark Francis 6-0-20-3 and Lucy Johnson 5.4-0-23-4.

It was good to finally get some cricket in and the club will hope the sun shines for all their sides next weekend.

The victory leaves Vale Thirds top of the Glamorgan and Monmouthshire Sunday League.

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MOTORING WITH TIM SAUNDERS

Renault Clio looks 'young and fresh' – but there's even more

WHEN should a manufacturer replace a model? It's a tricky question – do you stick with a popular vehicle like Leyland did with its Mini, or do you replace your line-up every seven years or so as Ford, Vauxhall and Mercedes often do?

There's a clear difference between an all-new model and a mid-life refresh.

Unimaginative accountants might say if it's making money then stick with it, but marketers are all too familiar with the challenges of the product lifecycle.

The popular Mini took quite some time to actually turn a profit. But now that BMW has reinvented it, all is well financially.

Renault's answer to the original Mini was its popular 5 model introduced in 1972. There were just two generations of this vehicle. It was replaced in 1990 by the Clio and there have been three versions of this so far.

Where the Renault 5 was around for 18 years the Clio has already been selling for 22



The Renault Clio - the 'perfect hatchback'.

years and there are no signs that it's going to be replaced. Clearly there isn't a set time when a manufacturer should replace a model, if Renault is anything to go by.

The latest Clio has more rounded edges and still looks young and fresh. But there's more to it than that, because it's also engaging to drive and the 1.5-litre three-door diesel tested is incredibly efficient, easily returning over 60mpg and allowing over 700 miles' travel on a single 55-litre tank.

Quite an achievement. My only criticism is that the generally comfortable seats are not as supportive as

they could be over long distances.

The test takes place at a time when there are storm warnings across the UK and the Clio handles the strong winds well. It really is enjoyable to drive such an efficient car because you don't find yourself fretting about fuel bills, and on this alone the Clio scores highly.

Renault has always done things a little differently and the interior is inviting if a little bland. The controls are easy to find and use while the indicator and wash wipe stalks have their own unique characteristics.

Parkers, the car experts, say: "Stylish,

chic and enjoyable to drive, the Renault Clio is a superb little hatchback that has proved hugely popular. There's a good choice of engines available.

"The driving position isn't the best and tall drivers will find there's a lack of headroom, but the Renault is still fun to drive with keen handling and a good ride."

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Storm shine in competition

A SMALL team of kickboxers from south Wales took a competition by storm last month, when they came away with 11 first trophies, 16 seconds, seven thirds... and a grand champion!

The team, from Storm Kickboxing, attended the Northants open tournament, a very high standard event, in which Team Storm went head to head with some of the best fighters in Britain.

The team is presently in training and preparing for several other high profile events, including the Flanders Open in Belgium and WTKA World Championships in Italy, to name just a couple, in addition to some major English tournaments.

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Petanque 'qualifier' sees Julie's team shine

PICTURED: Gemma Foster (Wheatshaf PC); Julie Bailey (Wenvoe PC) and Tansy Mayfield (Caerleon PC).

THE Ladies Qualifier took place recently at Pentwyn Leisure Centre, Cardiff with four Ladies Triples Teams representing the following clubs: Caerleon RFC PC, Penarth PC, Wenvoe PC, The Wheatshaf PC and The Monkstone Inn PC, competing to represent Wales at the Ladies European Championships to be held between 1st and 4th November 2012 in city of Ghent.

Each team played each other twice during the course of the competition. By the end of the first round robin the leading team was Joan Roberts, Gay Evans (Wenvoe PC) and Jill Brace (Wheatshaf); followed by Julie Bailey (Monkstone Inn PC), Gemma Foster (Wheatshaf PC) and Tansy Mayfield (Caerleon PC) (two wins each team); followed by Pat



Davis and Barbara Vaughan (Caerleon PC) and Karen McLeod (Wenvoe PC), and Penarth PC comprising Celia Scott, Lynda Williams and Valerie Falconer with one win each.

Joan Roberts, Gay Evans, Jill Brace's team and Julie Bailey, Gemma Foster and Tansy Mayfield beat Joan Roberts' team 13-5 in the final match, leaving both teams on the same number of wins (5 wins) and the competition was therefore decided on points' difference.

However, Julie Bailey, Gemma Foster and Tansy Mayfield beat Joan Roberts' team 13-5 in the final match, leaving both teams on the same number of wins (5 wins) and the competition was therefore decided on points' difference.

On the final count back Julie Bailey's team with +31 points won by 7 points over Joan Roberts' team with +24 points, and therefore qualified for the European Championships. Congratulations and well done to all teams that took part.

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Romilly too Kwik for rival schools

TALENTED young batters and bowlers from Romilly Primary School in Barry have retained their title of being the Vale of Glamorgan's top Kwik cricketers.

A team of boys and girls from the school stumped their rivals from five other local primary schools in the county's annual Kwik Cricket festival.

The competition, organised by the Vale Council's Dragon Sport team and sponsored by ASDA, has been giving youngsters a fantastic introduction to the sport for several years. Kwik cricket is a simplified high-speed version of the game, and is both fast and fun, letting children experience every aspect of cricket.

All players got to be at the heart of the action at the festival, having the ball in hand to bowl one over each per match, and then taking to the crease with a partner for a guaranteed two overs of batting. When wickets fell, teams were docked runs rather than the players being called out.

Dragon Sport is a Sport Wales initiative funded by the National



ABOVE: Action from the Vale Kwik Cricket competition.

Lottery which encourages seven to 11-year-olds in Wales to take part in sport. The scheme focuses on eight key sports – rugby, football, netball, hockey, golf, athletics, tennis and golf.

To find out more about Dragon Sport in the Vale of Glamorgan please call the Dragon Sport team on 01446 704795 or go online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/dragonsports. You can also get updates on the latest community sports and play news from the Vale of Glamorgan by following @valesportsnews on Twitter.

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GEM sport

Murch take memorial trophy glory from Cadoxton bowlers

THE annual Colin Reynolds Memorial Trophy was played for at Murch bowling club in conjunction with the Munro Cup match – and, surprisingly, it didn't rain!

The outcome was a success for Murch, so the trophy was passed from Cadoxton to Mrs Reynolds, for her to make the presentation to the Murch captain.

Howard Craven skipped the only winning rink for Cadoxton against Bob Hill. A '6' on the fifth end gave the home side a 9-5 advantage, but by the 10th end the scores were level 10-10. The lead was regained again with a single, before a run of three '2's for the visitors ensured the success.

Gordon Davies had youngster Robert Grant as his opposing skip, and by the seventh end had built a 13-3 lead, which was helped by a '6' on the fifth.

The next seven ends brought a dramatic turnaround when only a single was added and 12 conceded to lose the lead for the first time. The game was completed with three singles to the visitors and a '2' against to level the final score.

Don Kuhnell came up against Roger Mauchline, fresh from his win in an SV final to

book a place in the Welsh finals at Llandrindod. A '4' was conceded by the visitors on the first end and despite winning the majority of the ends the game finished with a four-shot defeat.

Graham Brown had Colin Garland as his opposing skip and with John Manfield in fine form for the home side they reduced the success of the visitors to two '2's by the eighth end for a score of 15-4. Two further '2's and a single reduced the deficit, but no further reduction was made with the final ends shared evenly.

Scores: G Powell, P Ellis, J Davies, H Craven 17-14 B Frampton, D Blainey, T Rice, B Hill; J Stacey, M Mathews, J Stewart, D Kuhnell 12-16 B Marsh, T Phillips, M Hughes, R Mauchline; H Hellyar, S Clarke, D Evans, G Davies 17-17 A Savage, G Lane, D Poole, R Grant; T Bishop, S Clements, L Davies, G Brown 12-20 M Warman, R Crouch, J Manfield, C Garland.

Final score: 58-67. CADOXTON 'A' V MAERDY – ML6 NEWCOMERS to the league, Maerdy, visited Cadoxton for the 'A' fixture in the ML6; they proved too strong for the home side, by winning comfortably on three of the rinks.

The other rink, skipped by Derek Brook, took the lead from the beginning and opened up a 9-1 advantage. An attempt to make a come-back was made by the opposition with three winning ends.

However, it was then back to the home side improving on their lead, to 11 shots, with six ends left. The visitors did make another recovery during the final ends but not enough to take the points.

Although Graham Garland tried to get his rink out of trouble on many occasions, the luck or good fortune did not go his way.

Roy Harding's rink started well enough, but with the score at 7-8

after 11 ends, disaster struck when conceding a '6', '4' and '3' in consecutive ends. Although scoring on the next six ends this big deficit was never recovered.

Gordon Davies' four trailed by just four shots after 11 ends, but this was followed with a '5' and '4' against. This setback was not improved upon during the remaining ends.

Scores: H Hellyar, K Tanner, J Stewart, G Davies 12-28; G Powell, L Adams, M Curtis, R Harding 15-23; S Clements, S Clarke, A Turner, D Brook 18-12; R Knight, D Fanning, L Little, G Garland 13-26. **Final score: 58-89.**

DK

The members and guests day is a big success at Brynhill



Dave Dranfield and Alan Elston receive their prize.



Huw Gapper and Dewi Jones were the winners of the day.

SLATE grey skies and blustery winds (typical summer weather) welcomed the players to the members and guests day at Brynhill Golf Club on Sunday July 1.

The club captain's wife, Liz Taylor, and her band of lady helpers greeted the players on the 10th tee with drinks and hot pasties and sausage rolls, which the players gratefully appreciated.

Despite the appalling weather conditions there were excellent scores

recorded by some of the teams.

The club captain, Glenn Taylor, presented the prizes in the club house.

The winners, with a score of 43 points, were Huw Gapper and Dewi Jones, and the runners up, with 41 points, were Dave Dranfield and Allan Elston.

A special mention must go to Iain Grant and his green staff for presenting the course in such magnificent condition, particularly in view of all the adverse weather conditions we have endured.

DW

LOCAL CLUB VISITS MAYOR'S PARLOUR



IN recognition for their evening with the Barry enjoyed their experience, especially signing the Mayor's visitors' book.

hard work in competition, Town Mayor, Coun Les the students of Cadoxton Sword, in his parlour.

School of Tae Kwon Do who attended, especially the training times, telephone 01446 were invited to spend an younger students, who thoroughly 406372 or 07811 934079. RT

Centurions Seconds escape the rain but lose to Newport

WITH another rain-lashed Saturday laying waste to most of the cricketing fixtures, Sully Centurions' Second XI were the only side to play a full match. Centurions played host to high flying Newport on a dull, but mostly dry afternoon.

Battling first, Centurions suffered an early loss when skipper Matthew Thomas was caught by Lezar off the bowling of Newport captain Maclean for just two. Maclean then dismissed Ben Callow for a duck and Centurions were reeling on 5 for 2. Roger Clitheroe and Lloyd Bruce took the score along to 22 when Clitheroe became Maclean's third victim.

being bowled for five.

This brought in David Eskins, who joined Bruce in a 39-run partnership before Max Scarr trapped Bruce LBW for 12. After the dismissal of Tom Edwards for three, Eskins was joined by Owain Sullivan, who hit 16 in a sixth wicket stand of 60. Eskins' innings came to an end without any further score when he was caught by Scarr off the bowling of Jones for a very good 76.

With Laurence O'Sullivan going for a duck, the score had gone from 138 for 6 to 138 for 8 in no time at all.

With Matthew Rowe hitting eight, Reece Bennett seven and Terry Williams (three not out) the innings came to a close in the 44th over with Centurions reaching 158 all out. Maclean, with 3 for 18, was the star bowler for Newport, with King, Scarr and Jones picking up two apiece.

In reply, the visitors found the going just as tough, with Lloyd Bruce (3 for 27) and Terry Williams (2 for 31) maintaining a stranglehold on the Newport batsmen, who found themselves in big trouble with the score on 39 for 5. However, a partnership of 69 between Jones (26) and Carter (50 not out) swung things back in Newport's favour.

Jones was then joined by Thornton (18) and this pair put on another 36 to bring the visitors close to victory. Once Thornton had gone, caught by Clitheroe off the bowling of Callow, who ended with figures of 2 for 27, Jones was joined by Josham, and they saw Newport home with four overs to spare.

Sully 158 all out, Newport 159/7.

MF

Wenvoe Castle beats weather!



Leigh Ivory (right) and Andrew Burton (left) together with club captain Norman Robbins.

THE recent monsoon conditions have severely tested the reputation of Wenvoe Castle golf course as one of the best in the area for remaining open, thanks to an excellent drainage system and considerable efforts of the green staff.

The course was again in remarkable condition on Sunday for the members and guests competition and almost 100 competitors gratefully enjoyed a respite from the rain and not a single umbrella had to be raised.

Winners on the day were club member Leigh Ivory and his guest Andrew Burton from Cardiff Golf Club, who posted an excellent score of 45 points.

Club captain Norman Robbins congratulated the winners and presented both players with a golf bag and the sweep

prize money.

Runners up with 43 points were Andy Evans and his guest Martin Ford (Newport Golf Club), and in third place with 42 points were Tim Dimond and Andrew Wheeler (Vale Golf Club).

The club captain also thanked the catering team led by chef David Reis who ensured the competitors were able to recover quickly with an excellent meal.

Similarly to club steward Simon Gatheridge and his staff who provided a welcome drink for those not so successful on the day but who were no doubt still able to reflect on a very enjoyable time.

There are still opportunities to join the club and in time perhaps invite your own guest to a future competition; why not contact the club secretary, Nicky Sims, on 02920 594372. BJ

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